

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 30, 2022 10:00 a.m.



Jesus Teaches at the Synagogue in Nazareth

*"Touched by the Gospel, we seek to be instruments of God's Peace,
for the sake of the World."*

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Welcome in the name of Christ!

Worshipping with kids?

- ❖ We love having people of all ages and abilities worshipping together!
- ❖ Wiggles and noise are welcome!
- ❖ Coloring materials are available. Just ask an usher.

Wondering about communion?

- ❖ We believe Christ is fully present in the meal and it is Christ who invites us to share it.
- ❖ All are welcome to share communion with us regardless of age or faith tradition.
- ❖ Wheat bread, gluten free wafers, wine, and grape juice are available.

Want to know more about our community?

- ❖ We strive to be an open, welcoming place for all people.
- ❖ Pastor Rachel enjoys meeting people after worship but never wants anyone to feel pressured to talk to her. Come say hi!
- ❖ Visit the welcome table in the gathering space if you have questions about Lutherans, the Christian faith, or Prince of Peace; if you have a specific prayer request, or want to share your contact information so we can get back to you about something in particular.

Thank you for joining us for worship today. May God bless you and give you peace this week.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Worshippers responses in bold. Stand, as directed, if able.

Sit

Welcome

Music for the Beginning of Worship

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

African American Spiritual, arr. Ann Buys

Stand

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"

No. 603



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing,
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sit

The Children's Sermon**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD****First Reading**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

Reader: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

All: In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

Reader: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

All: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

Reader: For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

All: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be a ways of you.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

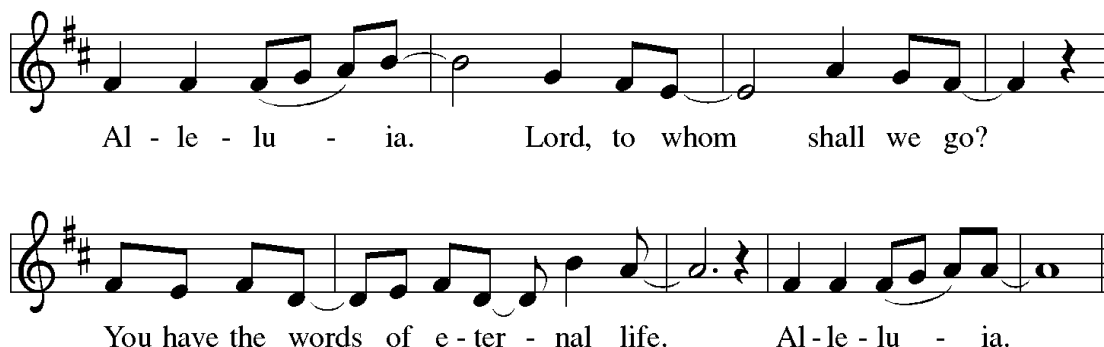
Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

Luke 4:21-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.' " And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

Sermon

Pastor Jim Morgan

Stand

Hymn of the Day

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

No. 705

Apostles' Creed

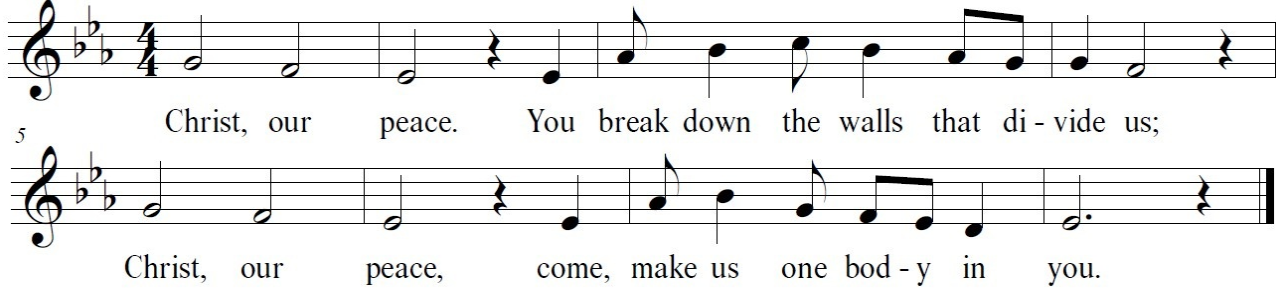
Asst: Joining the saints of every time and place, we confess our faith:

All: 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



Christ, our peace. You break down the walls that di - vide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

After "Generous God," worshipers respond **"Pour out your Love."**
Sing **"Christ, Our Peace"** after the completion of the intercessory prayers.

WE SHARE IN HIS MEAL

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*Worshipers share a sign of God's peace with one another, greeting each other with words like
"Peace be with you. . . And also with you."*

Sit

Offering

*Please **date** and complete the fellowship registration pad.*

Offering Music

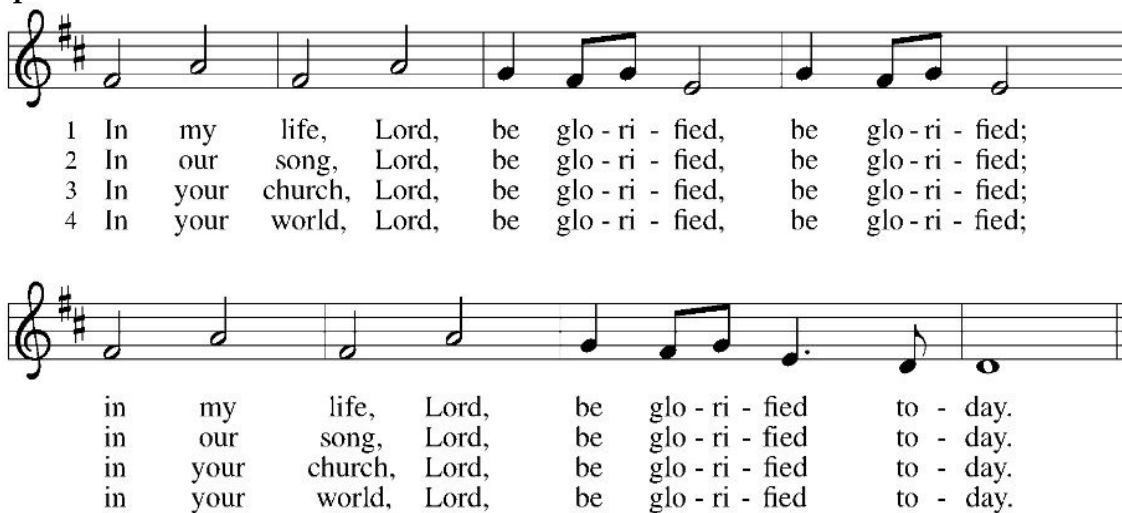
"Quiet Prayer"

Kathleen Wissinger

Bel Trees - Karen Clyne, Kim Lawrence and Wade Lawrence

Stand

Offering Response



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Liturgical Hand Washing

I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds. – Psalm 26:6-7

Since the early days of the Church, washing with water has been a custom that symbolizes separation from sin. We are returning to this ancient practice to ensure leaders have clean hands before they handle the elements. Fun fact: the bowl for holding the water is called a *lavabo*.

Offering Prayer

Asst: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

All: **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving - Grace Before the Meal

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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 the Meal

Pastor: No matter the church of your membership, the form of your baptism, or where you are on the journey with God, a place has been prepared for you at this table, God's table. So come and eat, for all is ready and all are welcome.

Sit

Holy Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table regardless of age or membership status. All communion servers will be masked and have sanitized hands before handling the communion elements. Ushers will direct you to come forward. The pastor and assisting minister will distribute bread (wheat) and the other servers will distribute wine (red) or grape juice (white). Individually packaged gluten free wafers and sets of completely sealed elements (wheat wafer and grape juice) are available on the stands by the bread distributors. You may pick one of those up yourself if you prefer. You may pull your mask down to consume the elements and then put it back over your nose and mouth. You may place your empty cup in the baskets on the tables as you return to your seat.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference to the servers.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"
"I Received the Living God"

No. 477
No. 843

Table Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

All: Amen.

Asst.: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

Announcements

Worshippers are invited to share announcements not listed in the weekly Peace Proclamations:

blessings: like anniversaries, birthdays, births or new jobs, prayer concerns and answered prayers. So that all in the sanctuary and on the livestream can see and hear you, please move to the pulpit to give your announcement. You may remove your mask while you speak. Please put it back on as you return to your seat."

Stand

Final Blessing

Pastor: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

No. 543

Dismissal

Asst: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

All: Thanks be to God.

Music for the Close of Worship

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

arr. Wilbur Held

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This Week's Servers

January 30, 2022

Worship Asst.: Noel Sederstrom
Reader: Megan Floyd
Ushers: Don Eklov
Sound System:
Video Switcher: Bill Floyd
Technology Coor.: Michael Whately
Greeters:
Sacristy Asst.: Kathy Eklov
Communion Asst.: Claudia Lee, Gail MacNellis
Altar Guild: Linda Timm
Church Lockup: Gail MacNellis

Next Week's Servers

February 6, 2022

Worship Asst.: Claudia Lee
Reader:
Ushers: Don Eklov
Sound System:
Video Switcher:
Technology Coor.:
Greeters:
Sacristy Asst.:
Communion Asst.: Kathy Eklov
Altar Guild: Gail MacNellis
Church Lockup: Dave Reinhold



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and it's ministries.

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Volunteer Coor: Mike Whately-ext. 15

Technology Manager: Mike Whately-15
Music Director: Janet Hill
Custodian: Steve Haddix
Worship Team Director: Scott Walker
Nursery: Amanda Bischof



1. Face Coverings are Required in the building

- To attend worship and other in person events you **MUST** wear a properly fitting mask that covers both your nose and mouth.

2. Keep YOURSELF safe Please consider attending remotely if:

- You have not had a COVID vaccine or booster in the past 6 months
- You have other health problems like cancer, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, or other problems.
- You cannot safely or comfortably wear a face covering for the duration of the worship service or event you would like to attend.

3. Keep OTHERS safe You must participate from home if:

- You have had a known COVID or influenza exposure in the past 10 days
- You have **ANY** symptoms of COVID (*fever, chills, sore throat, cough, congestion, persistent headache, muscle aches*) even if they're mild!
- You have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are still in your quarantine period