

NOW IF WE HAVE  
DIED WITH CHRIST,  
WE BELIEVE THAT  
WE WILL ALSO LIVE  
WITH HIM. ROMANS 6:8, ESV



✝ **Sunday, January 12, 2025** ✝  
✝ **First Sunday of Epiphany** ✝  
✝ **Praise Service – 10:30 am** ✝

## **Welcome in Jesus' Name**

May God richly bless you as you worship Him. If you are a guest with us, we want you to feel welcome; you honor us with your presence, and we are glad to have you here. Please fill out the Attendance Registration located in your bulletin. Prayer requests can also be made on the same insert. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like the Pastor to pray for during the Prayers of the Church, please fill out the bulletin insert and give it to an usher, who will then deliver it to the Pastor.

## **Holy Communion**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service, on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month during the 8:30am service and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday during the 10:30am service. We invite those who share our confession of faith, namely, that Jesus is truly present in, with & under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to commune with us. Those who share a different confession or have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. We offer individual cups. The light-colored cups in the center are grape juice instead of wine. Pastor will be available prior to the worship service to answer any questions about Holy Communion.

## **To Our Guests**

We often have guests in worship from all over the world. Please introduce yourself to Pastor or a Greeter before or after the worship service.

## **Restrooms**

Restrooms and changing tables are located out the back of the sanctuary and down the hallway.

Out of respect for your fellow worshippers & those who have diligently prepared for this worship service, we ask that you **silence your cell phones** & keep conversation to a minimum prior to the service.

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by the LWML***

## Prelude by Mark and Phil

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

### Opening Song

*In the Name*

*(Chorus)*

In the name of Jesus, all fear must go now  
In the name of Jesus, perfect peace  
In the name of Jesus, burdens be lifted  
In the name of Jesus we believe

No other name has power to say  
Your sins are forgiven, rise up unashamed  
And no other name has power to say  
Go live in my healing, wake up from the grave

*(Chorus)*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession/Absolution

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and

deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis**

*Sanctuary*

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

**A** Who looks for us when we are lost? God, our Creator looks for us, because He has formed, redeemed, and sanctified us. He has put in a lot of time, and loves us deeply, therefore, He calls, gathers, and brings His people home to be with Him. These are the encouraging words of our Old Testament for this morning. Listen to the words of promise from Isaiah chapter 43:

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
    he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
    I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
    Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my eyes,  
    and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
    peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Fear not, for I am with you;  
    I will bring your offspring from the east,  
    and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, Give up,  
    and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
    and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
    whom I created for my glory,  
    whom I formed and made.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1-11*

**A** What a question, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?"

What is Paul asking? It really is not a question that needs any more of an answer than what he says in these verses. Listen and take them to heart as we hear the Epistle from Romans chapter 6:

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

<sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Alleluia Verse

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son*

O sovereign God, O matchless King  
The saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne on grace  
To you belongs the highest praise

*(Chorus)*

Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 3:15–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Song of Praise**

*Cornerstone*

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil



*(Chorus)*

Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm  
He is Lord  
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!

*(Chorus-2x)*

**Sermon**

*Sin, Grace, God's truth!*

**Offering**

*Please stand*

**Offertory**

*Be Glorified*

In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!  
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface**

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**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Sanctus**

*Holy is the Lord*

We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He  
And together we sing  
Everyone sing:

*(Chorus)*

Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **Lord's Prayer**

**C** **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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei - Lamb of God

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*Please be seated*

## **Reflection to prepare for Communion:**

*St. Paul reminds us that it is important to examine ourselves and prepare our hearts and minds for the rightful reception of the Lord's Supper. To help with this process, please prayerfully consider the following three questions.*

- 1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of a Savior?*
- 2. Do you believe that Jesus died for your sins and that true life and forgiveness come only through Him?*
- 3. Do you believe that Jesus' true body and blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins?*

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

## **Distribution**

*Please stand*

## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Benediction**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Closing Song**

*Forever*

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever

*(Chorus)*  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
Sing praise, sing praise,

Forever, God is faithful  
Forever, God is strong  
Forever, God is with us  
Forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever

*(Chorus)*

## The Dismissal

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude by Mark and Phil

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