

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" LSB 409

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

C: Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Let us go to our patient, loving Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to exhibit patience, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not loved You completely or our neighbors as ourselves. We have let our momentary hurts and anger displace the forbearance You have shown us. We have not walked humbly before You, our God. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called

and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

P: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

C: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

P: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

C: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

P: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

C: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 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. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

KYRIE

Tune: *LSB 733*

**Have mercy on Your people, Lord.
Have mercy, Christ, our King.
Renew us by Your mercy, Lord;
Accept the prayers we bring.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Father in heaven, throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed His identity and mission through words and deeds.

C: Grant that Your Holy Spirit will strengthen us, so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers as we demonstrate the

**Spirit's fruit of patience as we listen to our friends and await
Your answers to prayer;**

P: through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1–8

¹ Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against His people, and He will contend with Israel. ³ “O My people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer Me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O My people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God

and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Matthew 5:3

P: Alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. ² And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for God's people around the world and all who call out to Him in their various needs.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who by words and actions was revealed to be Your Word in the flesh and who has graciously called us, His adopted brothers and sisters, to bear the fruit of the Spirit as we continue the work of His Body, the Church. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Tune: LSB 507

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Day and night we join to praise
Your love and majesty.
You alone are holy, worthy, and righteous.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
We rejoice to join the hymns
Of earth and sky and sea.
Generations praise You, with saints and angels.
Holy and bless'd through all eternity.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Sovereign Lord, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our Savior. You have graciously given us the gift of faith and endowed us with the gifts of the Spirit, deigning to allow us to carry forward Your Son's ministry. Grant that we remain strong in faith and patient in manner as we approach the Table of the Lord and receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, which come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Tune: LSB 702

**O Lamb of God, we pray:
Take all our sins away –**

**Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Salvation unto Us Has Come” **LSB 555 vs. 1-9**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have refreshed us through this Sacrament, and we pray that the grace we have received will produce in us joyful, loving humility in our Savior; 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 blessing of God Almighty – the Father, who gave His Son for the life of the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God’s grace, mercy, and love; and the Spirit, by whose fruit we are seen to be children of God – bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” **LSB 794**

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THIS WEEK— (January 29 – February 5, 2017)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation Class (2nd year), 5:00pm;
Confirmation Class (1st year)

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 1/22/17)

General & Building Funds: \$4644.00; Blessings: \$14.28;

Sunday School: \$1.50; Memorial: \$118.00

Total Attendance: 141 (Midweek: 21; Sunday: 120)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service.

Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE ALARM when you are the first person entering the building. If you do not have a code and need to get in, call Pastor Wetmore 715-581-6084; Dan Lutzow 715-370-7143; or Brian Kinney 715-359-6390.

OPERATION BABY BOTTLE Remember to return the baby bottle and your donation to church by February 19. Your contribution will help HOPE Life Center carry out their service in the community. Your support is greatly appreciated!

JANUARY'S "FOOD FOR THE BODY" non-perishable food items went to the Women's Community. Thank you to all who share your extras with others in need. (The February food collection will be donated to the Neighbor's Place.)

HUMAN CARE FOR FEBRUARY will go to Hope Life Center.

The following items are needed for the moms-to-be: Body Wash (full size), Shampoo/Conditioner (full size), Lotion (full size). Thank you for donating.

CLAY SUPER BOWL PIZZA SALE orders must be placed by this Sunday, January 29. The order form is located on the table under the Youth Group announcement board (by the mailboxes).

If you are interested in making the trip with the youth group to the **CREATION MUSEUM**, please speak with Brad Rogers or Bobbi Lutzow to get the details.

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER is coming! Mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30! More information about that special evening here at Christ Lutheran will be shared in the near future.

Proverbs 16:9

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.