

Great are the works of the LORD

(Ps. 111:2)





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Epiphany 4

Good morning and welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Choir...8:00 A.M.

Sunday family worship...9:00 A.M.

Sunday school and Bible class follow the service

Today's Worship

"The LORD is compassionate and gracious" (Ps. 103:8).

Greeting and prayer:

Opening hymn 707: *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

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

C: Amen.



P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, You know that we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us 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.

Choir: *Under Your Wings*

*Give me a heart that's fixed upon You, not afraid, only trusting.
Held by Your hand, my soul is secure through the storm, through the testing.*

CHORUS:

*Under Your wings my refuge will be until these winds have passed over me,
Like a child who fears no alarm, quietly trusting in all that You are,
Quietly trusting in all that You are.*

*Give me a mind that's stayed upon You, not afraid, simply resting.
Never to fear at troublesome news though it tries to o'erwhelm me.
Chorus*

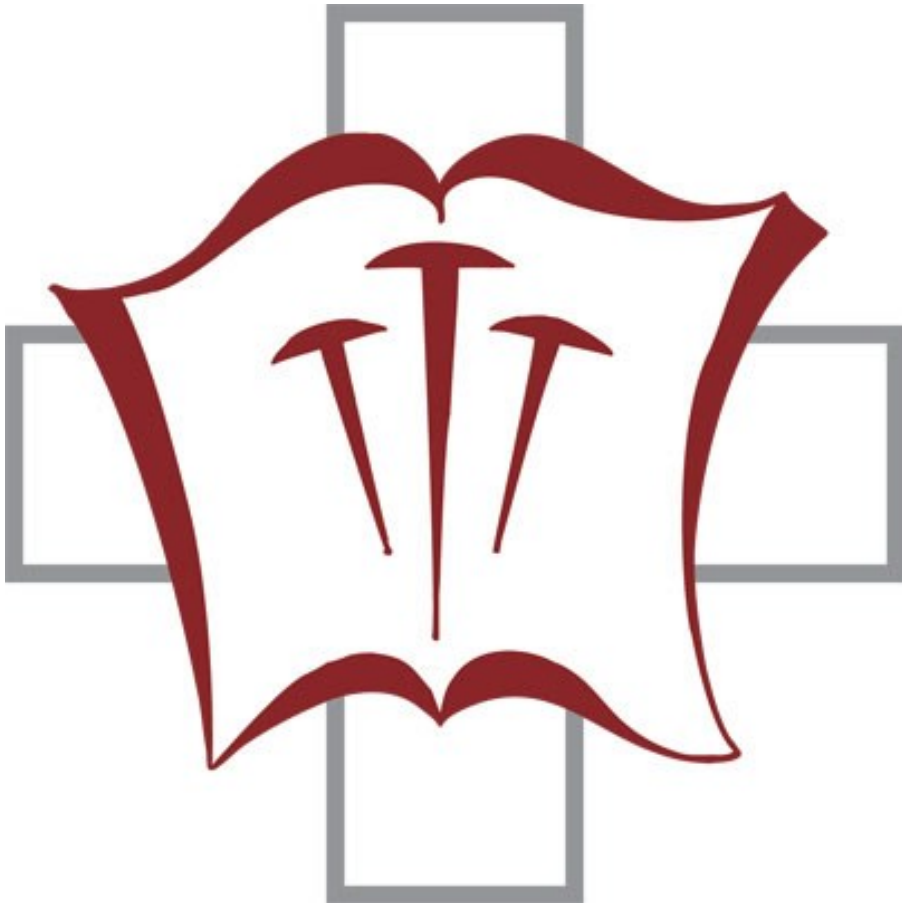
*There is a place that's waiting for me; it is sure, it's forever.
Far, far away from danger and grief; by Your side, endless pleasure.
So, give me a hope that's anchored in You, never moved, never shaken.
Help me believe this storm will pass through, I will not be forsaken.
Chorus*

Epistle lesson: Romans 12:6-16

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.



I WILL LIFT UP MY EYES

Antiphon



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of Your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of Your wings.

Psalm Tone



I will lift up my eyes to the hills—*
From whence comes my help?
My help comes from the LORD,*
Who made heaven and earth.
He will not allow your foot to be moved;*
He who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, He who keeps Ísrael*
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Antiphon

The LORD is your keeper;
The LORD is your shade at your right hand.*
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;*
He shall preserve your soul.
The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in*
From this time forth, and even forevermore.
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. Ámen.

Antiphon

Gospel lesson: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

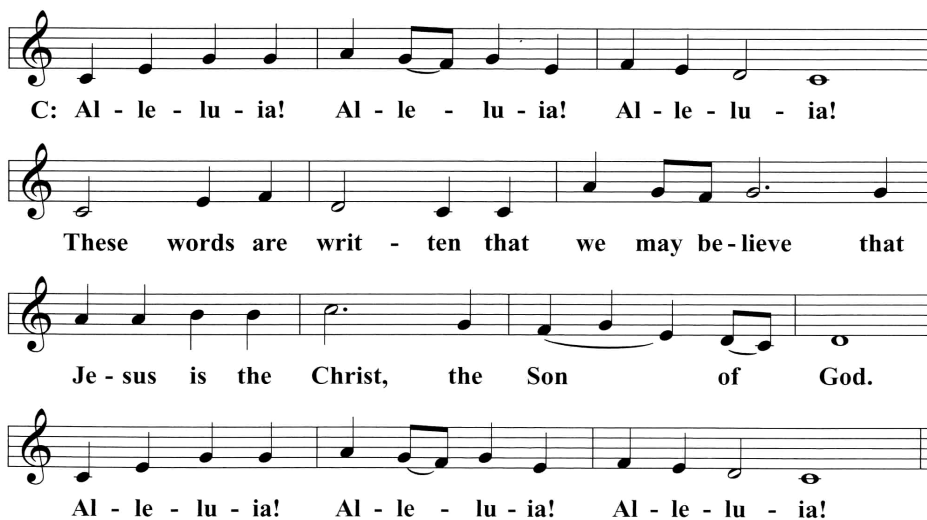
Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast."

So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

Hymn 394: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Sermon: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "See you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people."

And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

Moses said, "Please show me your glory."

And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before

you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."

And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

God is Gracious, Compassionate, and Full of Goodness!

I. In giving us His grace and rest through faith.

II. In leading us in His way.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me

not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly

Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of

Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offering

Hymn 805: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*



Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Hymn 966: *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing hymn 649: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Announcements

Thank you!

We thank seminary student, Mr. Paul Agenten, for conducting the service and Bible class this morning. Pastor and Sue are scheduled to return home on Wednesday.

Call issued

Last Sunday the voters issued a call to Kendra Rodebaugh to serve as lower grade teacher beginning next school year. Mrs. Rodebaugh is currently teaching at Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley, WA.

Voters meeting notes...

Membership: Kurt Hartmann, Liz Hartmann, and Scott McLaurin were welcomed into communicant

membership. Megan Marita and Leah Mackensen were released from membership at their request. Philip Reim was welcomed as a new voting member.

Elections: The following were elected as delegates to the Great Lakes Delegate Conference and the CLC Convention: Adam Brown, Joel Gerbitz. The following were elected as alternate delegates: Caleb Gerbitz, Jim Lisak, Erik Nelson.

CLC Cooperative Budget Plan estimate: The voters set Messiah's estimate of contributions to the CLC at \$50,000 for the next fiscal year.

Save the dates

The first of six midweek Lenten services will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Looking Ahead...

♣**Next Sunday:**
Lord's Supper; Bd. of Education.

♣**February 13th:**
6:00 P.M: Bd. of Elders.

♣**February 14th:**
6:30 P.M: Ash Wednesday service with Holy Communion.

♣**February 15th:**
6:00 P.M: Church Council.

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