

# The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Calvary Lutheran Church

January 31, 2021



## + THE GATHERING +

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

*Dearest Jesus, at Your Word*



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

## INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In Christ Jesus and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence, so we kneel before our King in confession.

*(Please kneel or be seated as we confess our sins)*

C: **Lord of the nations, the wise men traveled many miles and searched carefully for Your Son, bowed down, and worshiped Him. But even though I need to go nowhere to find You, because You come to me, I still ignore Your presence, and I think, speak, and act selfishly as if You hadn't come. I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, so I depend on Your mercy on behalf of Christ to forgive my sin that although thick darkness covers Your people, I may see Your glory.**

P: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. Through the Gospel, the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**



## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

## **COLLECT**

P: Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe in your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pastor Middaugh

### **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

## **FIRST READING**

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

The First Reading is from Deuteronomy, the eighteenth chapter.

**15** The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. **16** For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." **17** The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. **18** I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. **19** I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. **20** But a prophet who

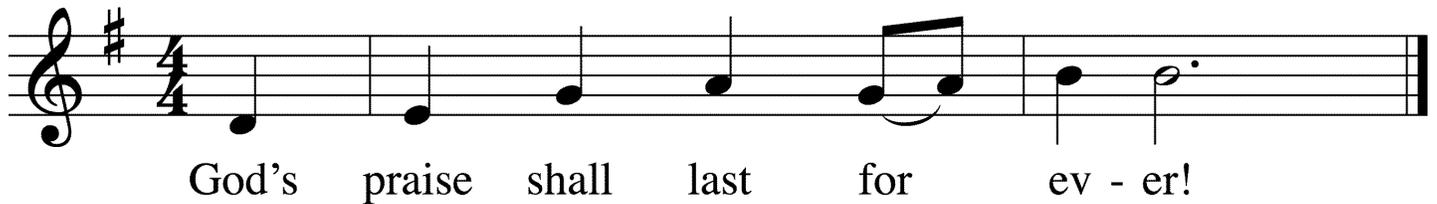
presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 111**

*God's Praise Shall last Forever – Michel Guimont*



God's works are justice and truth,  
God's precepts are all of them sure,  
standing firm for ever and ever;  
they are made in uprightness and truth.     **Refrain**

God has sent deliverance top his people  
and established his covenant for ever.  
Holy is God's name, to be feared.     **Refrain**

To fear the Lord is the first stage of wisdom;  
all who do so prove themselves wise.  
God's praise shall last for ever!     **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

The Second Reading is from first Corinthians chapter eight.

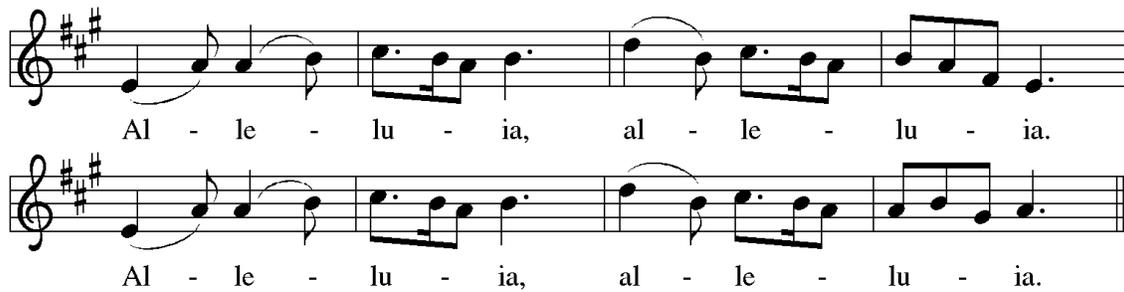
**1** Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. **2** Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. **3** But whoever loves God is known by God. **4** So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that "An idol is nothing at all in the world" and that "There is no God but one." **5** For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"), **6** yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. **7** But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. **8** But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. **9** Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. **10** For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? **11** So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. **12** When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. **13** Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned (Matt 4:16)*

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

The Holy Gospel is from Saint Mark, the first chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**21** They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. **22** The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. **23** Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, **24** "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" **25** "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" **26** The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. **27** The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him." **28** News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 pre - cious in your sight.  
 hill to val - ley flow.  
 king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.  
 Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540-1602

## 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(congregation may kneel or stand during prayers)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lord, in Your mercy . . . .

C: **hear our prayer.**

## THE COMMUNION

### THE 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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS

Marty Haugen and Susan Briebl

Introduction

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly 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 the One who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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# LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 is My (+) Blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## **INVITATION**

P: Come, for all is ready.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# NUNC DIMITUS

## Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant (Detroit Folk Mass)



Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in



peace: your word has been ful - filled. My



own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of all peo-ple: a light to re -



veal you to the na-tions and the glo - ry of your



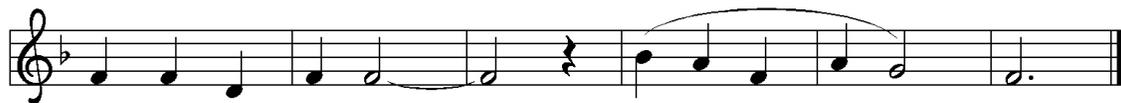
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry to the Fa-ther,



and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and



will be for - ev - er. A - men.

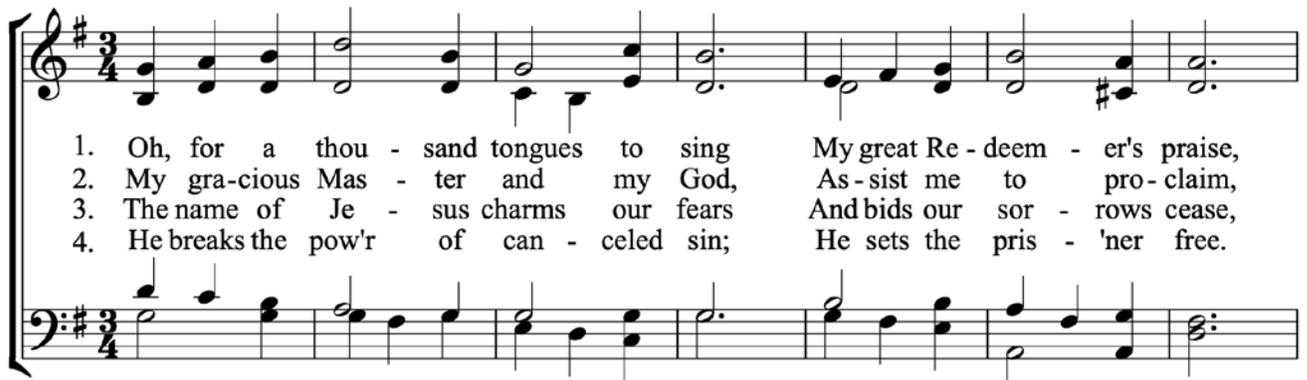
## BENEDICTION

P: Go now as a light to the nations. Honour the Lord; preach what you know of the risen Christ, and fulfill all righteousness. And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace; May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you; And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved ones.

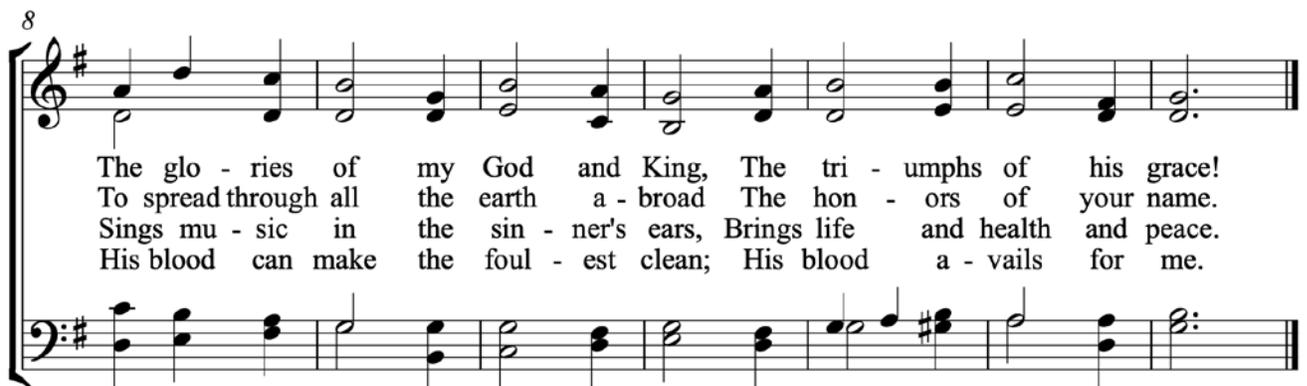
C: Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*



1. Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As - sist me to pro - claim,  
3. The name of Je - sus charms our fears And bids our sor - rows cease,  
4. He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He sets the pris - 'ner free.



8  
The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of his grace!  
To spread through all the earth a - broad The hon - ors of your name.  
Sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.  
His blood can make the foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

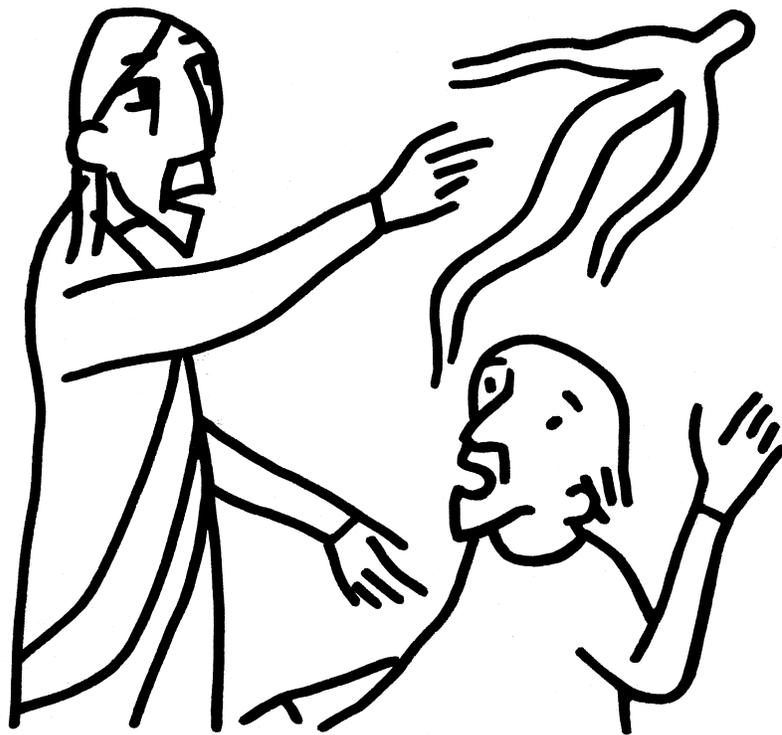
5. To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, remember the poor, and be kind to one another.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



The Participants: The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – January 31, 2021

**Pastor**

Reverend Michael Middaugh

**Minister of Music**

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