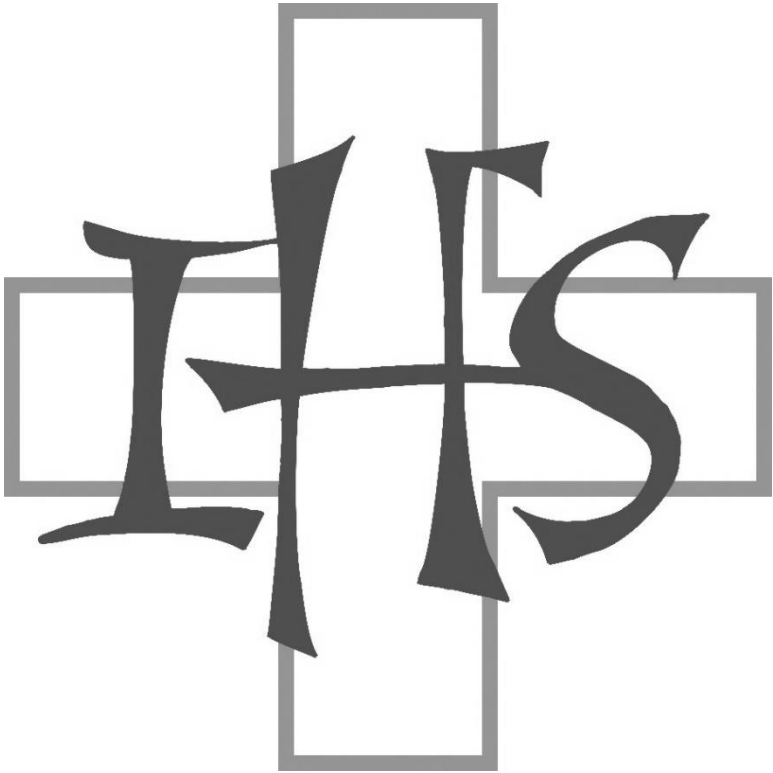


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



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?

Micah 6:8

Order of Worship

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Introit

Psalm 1

Blessèd 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;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

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.

The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

*If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the
Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.*

Thank you.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season

P This is the day the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

Isaiah 60:1

C We have seen His star and have come
to worship Him!

Matthew 2:2

P Arise! Shine! For your light has come.

C And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Isaiah 60:1

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

Matthew 28:19

C Amen.

Opening Song

Awesome In This Place

Billington

Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus

VERSE



As I come in - to — Your pres - ence, —



past the gates — of praise, — in - to Your sanc - tu - ar -



y — till we're stand - ing face — to face; — I



look up - on Your coun - te - nance, I see the

continued on next page

full - ness of Your grace, and I can
on - ly bow down and say, "You are
CHORUS
awe - some in this place, Might - y God, You are
awe - some in this place, Ab - ba Fa - ther; You are
wor - thy of all praise, to You our lives we raise,
— You are awe - some in this place, Might - y God."

Prayer of Confession

- P** Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- C** **Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.**
- P** Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- C** **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.**

We pause for silent confession and reflection

- P** For all our sins – those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- C** **We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** 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!**

Psalm

Psalm 15

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

**²He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;**

³who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

**⁴in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

⁵who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

**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.**

Song of Praise

The Same Love

Baloche, Rossback

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Bridge 1, Bridge 2 x2, Chorus, Bridge 1, Bridge 2

VERSE

1. You choose the hum - ble and raise them high; You choose the weak
 and make them strong; You heal our bro -
 ken - ness in - side and give us life.

CHORUS

The same love that set the cap-tives free, the same love that o-pened
 eyes to see is call - ing us all by name; You are call -
 ing us all by name; The same God that spread the
 heav - ens wide, the same God that was cru - ci - fied is call -
 ing us all by name; You are call - ing us all by name.

VERSE

2. You take the faith -
 less one a - side and speak the words, "You are mine";
 You call the cy - nic and the proud, "Come to

33 me now".

36 Oh, Oh; Oh,

39 Oh; Oh, Oh;

42 BRIDGE

45 You're call - ing,

48 You're call - ing, You're call - ing us to the cross;

51 to the cross; 2nd time D.S. 3. Oh, Oh;

54 Oh, Oh; Oh,

57 Oh; Oh, Oh;

60 You're call - ing,

63 You're call - ing, You're call - ing us to the cross;

66 You're call - ing, You're call - ing, You're call - ing us

69 to the cross;

Prayer

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know 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.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, 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!

⁴For 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.

⁵O 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?

⁷Will 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?"

⁸He 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?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where 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?

²¹For 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. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And 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. ¹²Rejoice 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.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sermon Song

Speak, O Lord

Getty, Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
 2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
 thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their
 walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the



pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

Sermon

Matthew 5:1-12



Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

- P** Almighty Lord and Judge of all, do not contend against us; for although Your indictment of our sinfulness is true, Your Son has suffered our condemnation. Hear Him as He pleads for our pardon, and for His sake forgive us our sins and preserve us as Your people.

Response after each petition

- P** Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks for the saints whom You preserved in righteousness and delivered to glory. Purify our hearts by Your grace and strengthen us against temptation, that we would look joyfully to the day when we will see You in Your glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

Benediction

- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Redman, Redman

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus x2, Bridge x2, Chorus x2

VERSE

1. Bless - ed be Your Name in the
 2. Bless - ed be Your Name when the

land that is plen - ti - ful; Where
 sun's shin - ing down on me; When the

streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless -
 world's all as it should be, bless -

ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be
 ed be Your Name; Bless - ed be

Your Name when I'm found in the des -
 Your Name on the road marked with suf -

ert place, when I walk through the wil -
 fer - ing; Though there's pain in the of -

der - ness, bless - ed be Your Name;
 fer - ing, bless - ed be Your Name;

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say. Bless - ed be the

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25 CHORUS

Name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your Name; Bless-ed be the

29

Name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your glo-ri-ous Name.

32

Bless-ed be the You give and take a-

38

way, You give and take a-way; My heart will choose to

42

say, "Lord, bless-ed be Your Name", You

45

bless-ed be Your Name". Bless-ed be the

TO CHORUS

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Resources for Meditation this Week

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

29 January 2023

Readings

Micah 6:1–8

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Matthew 5:1–12

God Manifests His Glory in the Humility and Weakness of Christ Crucified

The Lord tells His people, *"I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery"* (Micah 6:4). By the sacrifice of His beloved Son, He has redeemed us from our slavery of sin and death; He has forgiven our transgressions by the shedding of His blood. His great mercy and salvation lead us *"to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly"* with our God (Micah 6:8). We boast only in the incarnate and crucified Lord Jesus. He is *"the power of God and the wisdom of God"* (1 Cor. 1:24). He is our life and salvation, our *"wisdom" and "righteousness and sanctification and redemption"* (1 Cor. 1:30). Now He opens His mouth and teaches us His wisdom. By His cross and Passion, the kingdom of heaven is ours. We receive mercy and are satisfied; we see God and are called sons of God in Christ. *"Blessed are you,"* therefore, *"when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely"* on account of Christ (Matt. 5:11).



Readings

Isaiah 58:3–9a

1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16)

Matthew 5:13–20

The Righteousness of Christ

Jesus warns that *“unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people *“the salt of the earth”* and *“the light of the world”* (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, *“but to fulfill them”* (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is *“called great in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His *“demonstration of the Spirit and of power”* in *“Jesus Christ and him crucified”* (1 Cor. 2:2–4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His *“secret and hidden wisdom”* (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is *“to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free”* (Is. 58:6) and *“to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house”* (Is. 58:7).

