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January 31, 2021
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Service Notes:

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.
- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)

OPENING HYMN: #234 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. composite

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
 dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 do As with his love he be - friends you.
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of (+) the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

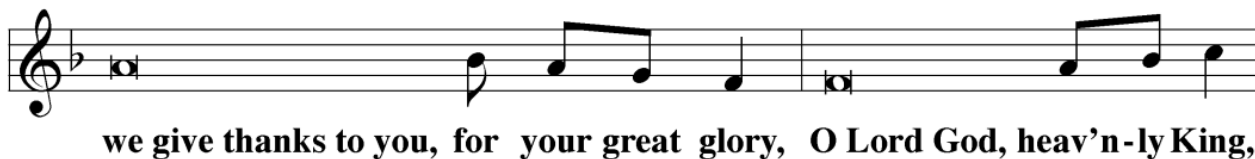
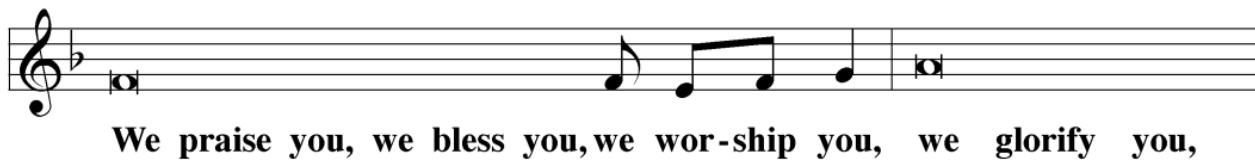
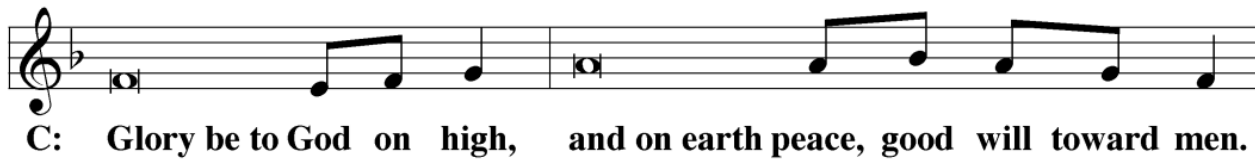


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely 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: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 1

The congregation will sing **Hymn #475** “The Man is Ever Blessed” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

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The Man Is Ever Blest



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the
 2 But makes the law of God His stud - y
 3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters
 4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such
 5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that



sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels
 and de - light A - mid the la - bors
 near the root. Fresh as the leaf his
 bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like
 judg - ment seat Where all the saints at



nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,
 of the day And watch - es of the night.
 name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.
 emp - ty chaff Be - fore the driv - ing winds.
 Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves
 The way the righteous go,
 But sinners and their works shall meet
 A dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: ST. MICHAEL (SM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

8 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he

does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

VERSE OF THE DAY (sung by the soloist)

Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia! (Luke 4:18a)

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of
God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God,**

**begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from
heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary,**

and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures.**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,**

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life (+) of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: #395 “Seek Where You May to Find a Way” Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635, abr.; tr. Arthur P. Voss, 1899–1955, alt.

395 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay;
 3 Seek him a - lone, Who did a - tone,
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright,



That leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is
 None can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers
 Who did your souls de - liv - er; Oh, seek him
 Je - sus, you are for - ev - er. Not wealth or



stilled; On Christ I build— He is the
 failed; This man pre - vailed, The God - Man,
 first, All you who thirst For grace that
 pride Or aught be - side Our bond of



one foun - da - tion. His Word is sure; His
 and none oth - er. The Ser - vant - Lord Our
 fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry need Seek
 love shall sev - er. You are my Lord; Your



works en - dure. He will o'er - throw My
 life re - stored. We're jus - ti - fied, For
 him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart He
 pre - cious Word Shall be my guide What -



ev - 'ry foe; Through him I more than con - quer.
 he has died, The guilt - less for the guilt - y.
 will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 e'er be - tide. Oh, teach me, Lord, to trust you!

SERMON

STAND

PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



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, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

FOR THE EPIPHANY SEASON (page 124)

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and

with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

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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.

BE SEATED

Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.



THE SACRAMENT

STAND

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)




C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



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



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you for the


forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)




C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM: “Shall I Not to God Sing Praises”

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Shall I not to God sing praises? Shall I not give thanks to Him?

For in all things I see traces of His tender love to men.

Nothing else than love could move Him with such sweet and tender care

Evermore to raise and bear all who try to serve and love Him.

All things else have but their day; God’s love stands eternally.

Since, then, neither change nor coldness in my Father’s love can be.

Lo! I lift my hands with boldness, as Thy child I come to Thee.

Grant me grace, O God, I pray Thee, that I may with all my might,

All my lifetime, day and night, love and trust Thee and obey Thee.

And, when this brief life is over, praise and love Thee evermore.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#202 “If God Had Not Been On Our Side”

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

#556 “Rise, Shine, You People”

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If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not
 2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly
 3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, Our foes with all their pow'r and
 have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing
 not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, For we, his
 pit With life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish
 net; They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The dev - il's wolves, both far and
 storm would o'er us roll From Sa - tan, who de - sires our
 bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, Who rise in might a - gainst us.
 soul And seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
 he Who made the earth and heav - ens.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Tune: WÄCHTERLIED (87 87 887) Christian Egenolff, 1502–55, adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958.

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Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who
 dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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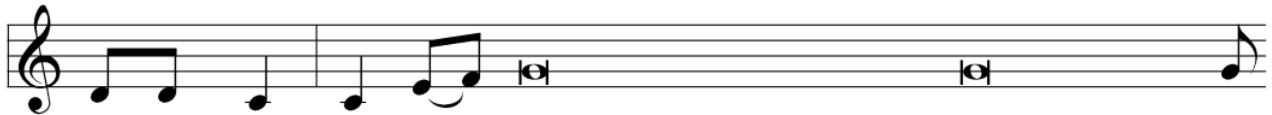
THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND


SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)




C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

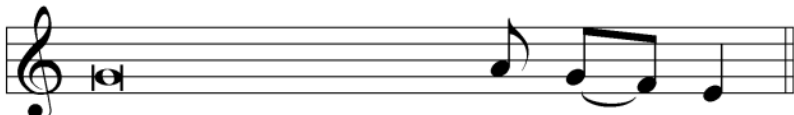


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistants: Mark Castellese and Ron Bude

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi; Soloist: Lois Bude

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

- Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
- Tuesday - 7:00 PM Meetings for Board of Trustees and Board of Stewardship/Education
- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting
- Wednesday- 10:00 AM Online Bible Class
- Thursday - 7:00 PM Adult Information Class
- Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service
-10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next week:

Altar Guild – Barb Helmke

Ushering - Team 2

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE: We ask that you disperse in the sanctuary (practice social distancing). For Holy Communion we will have smaller communion tables so that you are able to spread out along the communion rail. Offerings will be gathered at the

entrance to the sanctuary. Pastor and communion assistants will practice handwashing and/or other safe practices; in addition, the officiants will wear masks for the distribution. Because of the increase in COVID-19 cases, all are asked to wear a face covering while in the church. Ushers will assist by ushering you from the pew following the service. Please do not gather in the narthex. The church building will receive a thorough cleaning and disinfecting every week. If you are unable to attend yet, Pastor Schaefer will be glad to make arrangements with you for private Communion. We are posting the entire service on our website after each service.

PASTORAL CARE & MERCY – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those whose needs have been reported.

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