



## 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

*January 29th, 2023*

**Opening Hymn: Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed**

LSB 560

**Matins**

**Psalmody**

**Venite**

LSB 220

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** **And also with you.**

- 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.

- G** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Micah 6: 1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>O my people, what have I done to you?  
How have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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."

<sup>6</sup>"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?

<sup>7</sup>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?"

<sup>8</sup>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?

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

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

<sup>20</sup>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? <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

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

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

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>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.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Responsory** LSB 221

**Sermon Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory** LSB 427

**Sermon**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Canticle**

**Te Deum** LSB 223

**Offering**

**Kyrie** LSB 227

**Prayer of the Church**

**Confession and Absolution** LSB 167

**Service of the Sacrament** LSB 177

**Preface**

**Proper Preface**

**Sanctus** LSB 178

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini** LSB 180

**Agnus Dei**

**Distribution Hymns**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared** LSB 622

**The Tree of Life** LSB 561

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 182

**Post-Communion Collect** LSB 183

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn: Lift High the Cross** LSB 837

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## 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).



**WE WELCOME ALL** who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's altar flowers are provided by Angela Bellantoni in memory of her dad, Merrill Findlay.

### IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

01/22/2023	Sunday Service	Attendance	Contributions
		84	\$2160.00

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to *The Lutheran Hour*. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



**MISSIONARIES:** Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

**CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS:** Orgene Reimers, Ada Pendarvis, and Edie Cook.

**CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS:** Ryan Lehmpuhl

**SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH:** It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.” If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?** If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:

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| Doris Cunningham                | Sharon Sandwisch (Jerry Heldt's sister) |
| Doug Lampson (Tricia's brother) |   |
| Took Blanchard                  | Miranda Beason (Gordon's Granddaughter) |
| Rod Willard                     |   |
| Gordon Gross                    |   |

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Carolyn Westlund at her email address [1956cew@gmail.com](mailto:1956cew@gmail.com).

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Carolyn (1956cew@gmail.com) respectively.

If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN -- JANUARY 29, 2023-FEBRUARY 5, 2023**

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion  
Reader: Dave Lehmpuhl  
Communion Assistants: Dave Lehmpuhl, Curtis Eulert, & Doug Westlund  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
Voter's Meeting

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**Monday, January 30, 2023**

4:00 p.m. Children's Chorale  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation



*Collin Leason*

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**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

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**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Quilters



*Lily Booth  
Alexander Wright*

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**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship  
Greeter: Doris Cunningham  
Reader: Nathan Pegors  
10:15 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class  
11:30 a.m. Elders' Meeting

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