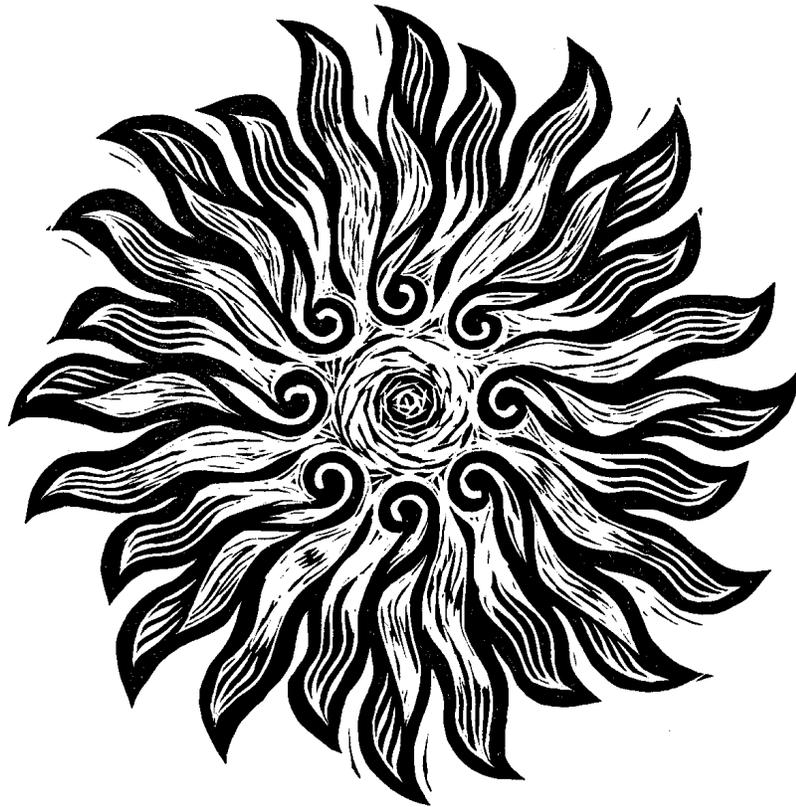


**Fourth Sunday  
After Epiphany**

January 31, 2021



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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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*Call to Worship*

*Iouri Grichetchkine*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

*ELW 665*

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| 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded. | 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven. |
| 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.   | 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.  |

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into 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.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

**Psalm 111**

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—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.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:21-28**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



## A PRAYER IN THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

*ELW 655 (vv. 1, 4)*

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| 1 | Son of God, eternal Savior,<br>source of life and truth and grace,<br>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br>hallows all our human race,<br>you our head, who, throned in glory,<br>for your own will ever plead:<br>fill us with your love and pity,<br>heal our wrong, and help our need. | 4 | Son of God, eternal Savior,<br>source of life and truth and grace,<br>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br>hallows all our human race:<br>by your praying, by your willing<br>that your people should be one,<br>grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:<br>here on earth your will be done. |
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*(Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932: Music: Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710, arr. Julius Rontgen, 1855-1932)*

## Announcements

### A few friendly reminders:

- We will continue to live stream our worship services at 10 am on our YouTube Channel at <https://bit.ly/3nzgAWy> but services will be available any time after the live streaming.
- We are suspending in-person worship until further notice.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given to the Glory of God.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2021. The dates available are: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.



The church directories have been distributed to those who were photographed. We purchased a few additional copies for anyone who might like to have a copy. They are available for a monetary donation.

Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation!



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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet*

*Robert Lau*

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## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Tammie Lindsay, Janet Roth, Juliana Hastings, Robert Scott, Richard Bauer, Bill Carroll, Lee Krieger, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Tom & Marion McDonough, Ardi Scarborough, Gerry Steg, Kathi Peck, Bett Murphy, Vickie Jasinski, and Cynthia Kraemer

**For family & friends:** John & Jean Bartenfelder, Kathy Thompson, Larry & Mary Tuley, Doug Adams, Bill Eubert, Linda Asplin, Robert Scott, Jr., Robert Scott, III, Dale Miller, Pam Harmen, Delphine Peck, Jessi Powers, Margaret Iovino, Bill Johnson, Karen Alban, Karen Ehrenberg, Randy Powell, Linda Fliegel, Cheryl Aydelotte, and Mary Jo Rother

**For the military and their families:** Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Eleanor Thobe

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Ann Powell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal