

Full Service Bulletin

**PRAISE SERVICE
JANUARY 28, 2024**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

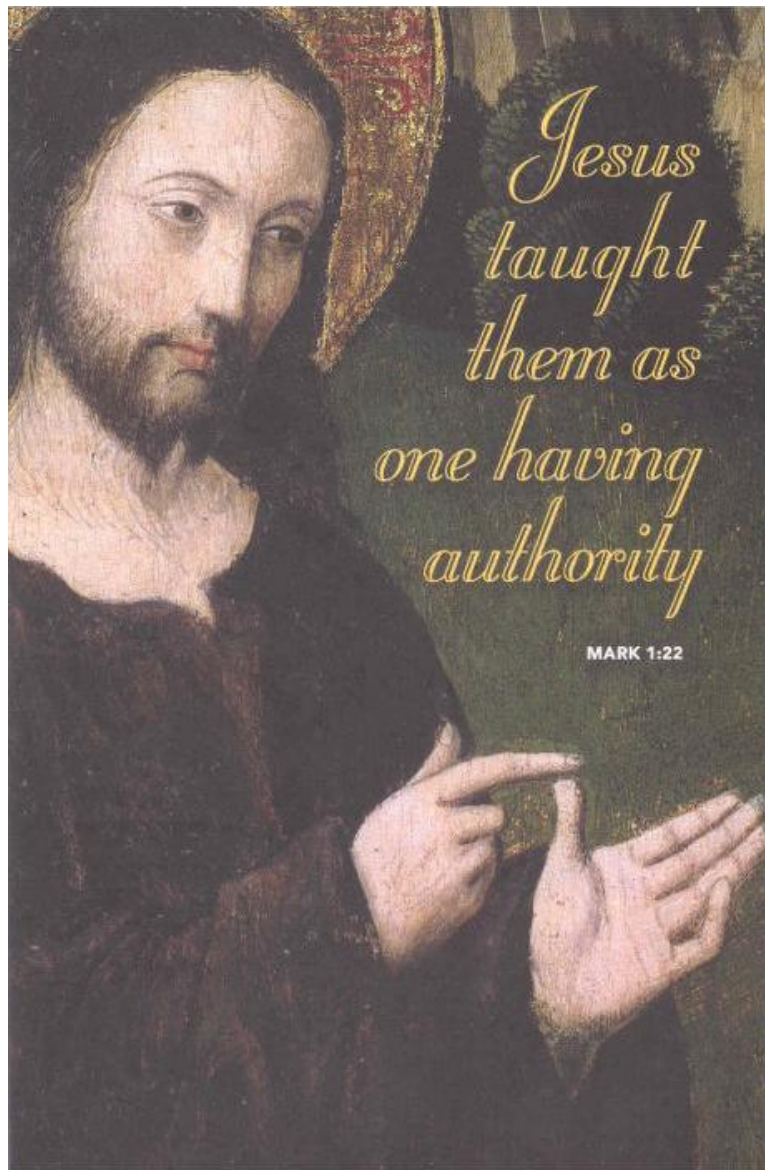
*Prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray. You may pray: **God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.***

CHILDREN

We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.

INTRODUCTION

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; Psalm 111 remembers how God has shown His people the power His works. The Gospels describes the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.



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: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER
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COMMEMORATION

Thomas Aquinas, teacher (c. 1225–1274) Thomas Aquinas was a brilliant and creative theologian of the thirteenth century. He was first and foremost a student of the Bible and profoundly concerned with the theological formation of the church's ordained ministers. As a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he worked to correlate scripture with the philosophy of Aristotle, which was having a renaissance in Aquinas's day. Some students of Aristotle's philosophy found in it an alternative to Christianity. But Aquinas immersed himself in the thought of Aristotle and worked to explain Christian beliefs in the philosophical culture of the day. The contemporary worship cultural studies done by the Lutheran World Federation resonate with Aquinas's method

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" (ELW # 520)

INVOCATION *(= All may make the sign of the cross.)*

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: AMEN.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Trusting in Jesus Christ, Who came to share our humanity and bring light to this broken world, let us come before God without fear to make our confession.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.)

P: Comforting God, **C: We confess before You and in the presence of one another that we are sinners who fail to live as You desire. So often we place our trust in ourselves and not in you. We do not love each other as You have commanded. Because of us, all creation suffers. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us. In Your boundless patience and mercy, lead us to live by faith in Your promise. AMEN.**

P: God's love for us is greater than all our sins. God promises full pardon and complete forgiveness to all who turn from sin, known and unknown, and place their trust in Christ, the light of the world. Hear and believe the good news that all your sins are forgiven. With God, nothing is impossible.

C: AMEN.

GREETING *(Please rise.)*

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

HYMN OF PRAISE "From All That Dwell below the Skies"

(SBH # 429 additional verses)

DUKE STREET. L. M.

JOHN HATTON, 1793

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre -
2. E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord, E - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; Let the Re - deem - er's
truth at - tends Thy Word; Thy praise shall sound from

Name be sung Through ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue.
shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more. A-men.

3 Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring;
In songs of praise divinely sing;
The great salvation loud proclaim,
And shout for joy the Saviour's Name.

4 In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong;
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,
And fill the world with loudest praise.

St. 1 and 2, Isaac Watts, 1719 St. 3 and 4, John Wesley, 1786

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

L: Let us pray together: **C: 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 111 (*congregation: indented*)

Praise the LORD! I will extol the LORD with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the LORD;

they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are His deeds,

and His righteousness endures forever.

He has caused His wonders to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

He provides food for those who fear him;

He remembers His covenant forever.

He has shown His people the power of His works,

giving them the lands of other nations.

The works of His hands are faithful and just;

all His precepts are trustworthy.

They are steadfast for ever and ever,

done in faithfulness and uprightness.

He provided redemption for His people;

He ordained His covenant forever—

holy and awesome is His name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all who follow His precepts have good understanding.

To Him belongs eternal praise.

Praise the LORD!

(Please sit.)

PRAISE SONG “*Thy Word*” (RW # 165 - favorite)

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
 2 I will not for - get your love for me and yet my

still you're there right be - side me, and noth - ing will I fear as
 heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing. Je - sus, be my guide and

Refrain

long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
 hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Text: Amy Grant, b. 1960 Music: THY WORD, Michael W. Smith, b. 1957; arr. Keith Phillips, b. 1957

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

For everything was written to teach us, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

FIRST READINGDeuteronomy 18:14-22.....Pg. 302

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING....1 Corinthians 8:1-13.....Pg. 1780

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Please rise.*)

“Word of God, Come Down” verse 1 (WOV # 716)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -
 heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove
 faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
 we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, SJ, b. 1919 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELMark 1:21-28.....Pg. 1552

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 4*

(Young children go to Children's Church)

SERMON *(Please sit. See outline in Announcements insert.)*

“Treasuring God's Word”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

(Romans 15:13)

HYMN OF THE DAY *(Please rise.)*

“Father of Mercies, in Thy Word” (SBH # 256)

Anne Steele, 1760.

(Azmon. C. M.)

Carl G. Glaser.



1. Fa - ther of mer - cies, in Thy word What end - less glo - ry shines!
2. Here may the wretch - ed sons of want Ex - haust - less rich - es find;
3. Here the fair tree of knowl - edge grows, And yields a free re - past;
4. Here may the blind and hun - gry come, And light and food re - ceive;
5. Here springs of con - so - la - tion rise To cheer the faint - ing mind,
6. Here the Re - deem - er's wel - come voice Spreads heav - en - ly peace a - round;
7. Jo - sus, thy word with friend - ly aid Re - stores our wand - ring feet,
8. O may these heav - en - ly pag - es be My ev - er dear de - light;
9. Di - vine In - struct - or, gra - cious Lord, Be Thou for - ev - er near;



For - ev - er be Thy name a - dored For these ce - les - tial lines.
Rich - es a - bove what earth can grant, And last - ing as the mind.
Sub - lim - er sweets than na - ture knows, In - vite the long - ing taste.
Here shall the low - liest guest have room, And taste and see and live.
And thirst - ing souls re - ceive sup - plies, And sweet re - fresh - ment find.
And life and ev - er - last - ing joys At - tend the bliss - ful sound.
Con - verts the sor - rows of the mind To joys di - vine - ly sweet.
And still new beau - ties may I see, And still in - creas - ing light.
Teach me to love Thy sa - cred word, And view my Sav - iour here.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

OFFERING

We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

THE 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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

BLESSING

P: May the love of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, fill your hearts and illumine your path, that you may be beacons of light for the sake of the whole world. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

SENDING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Blessed Be the Name” (Maj # 16 - favorite)

PASSING THE PEACE

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.


POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS



*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments.
Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place.
You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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Holy Cross to the glory of God




1. All praise to Him who reigns a - bove In maj - es - ty su - preme,
2. His name a - bove all names shall stand, Ex - alt - ed more and more,
3. Re - deem - er, Sav - ior, Friend of man Once ru - ined by the fall,
4. His name shall be the Coun - sel - or, The might - y Prince of Peace,





Who gave His Son for man to die, That He might man re - deem!
At God the Fa - ther's own right hand, Where an - gel - hosts a - dore.
Thou hast de - vised sal - va - tion's plan, For Thou hast died for all.
Of all earth's king - doms Con - quer - or, Whose reign shall nev - er cease.




CHORUS



Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Bless - ed be the name of the Lord;



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SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Skylre Hahn / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Jim Steiner

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert / 10:45-Marianne Sands

LECTOR: 8:30-Don Frankenfield / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

ALTAR GUILD: Alyce Stein, Patty Stein

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Mike & Bella Zyskowski

PHONETREE: Jonathan Mosebach

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Volunteers Needed, *Sexton* † Karen Steiner, *Pre-school*

Lisa Wechsler, *Treasurer* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)

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