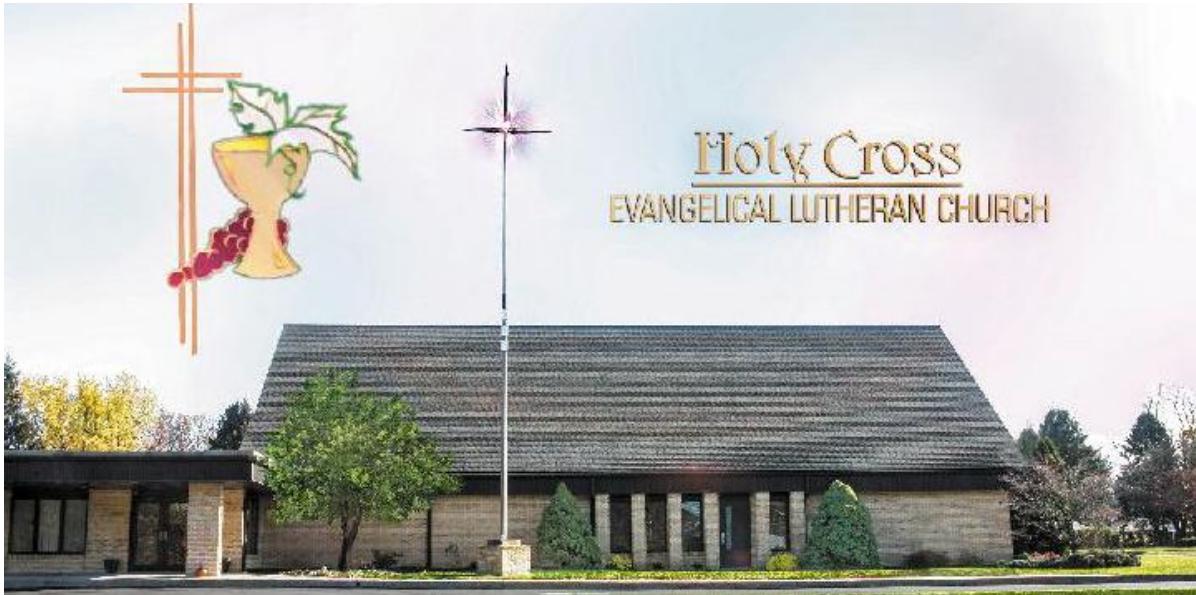


# Full Service Bulletin



## **HOLY COMMUNION FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH 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**

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Merciful God, we come to Your table trusting not in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant mercy. Grant us so to eat and drink the body and blood of Your dear Son, that we may live in Him and He in us, now and forever. 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 Isaiah it is the one God Who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God Who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the Creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.*

# WELCOME AND MEDITATION

## GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Maj # 24 - favorite)*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign - eth,  
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de-fend thee;  
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a-dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!  
Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!  
Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw near;  
Hast thou not seen How thy de - sires e'er have been  
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,  
Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain,

Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
If with His love He be - friend - thee.  
Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

WORDS: German Hymn, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680;  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

MUSIC: *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. W. Sterndale Bennett, 1816-1875

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## **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** "Glory to God" (WOV p 29)

*Refrain*

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. *Refrain*

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

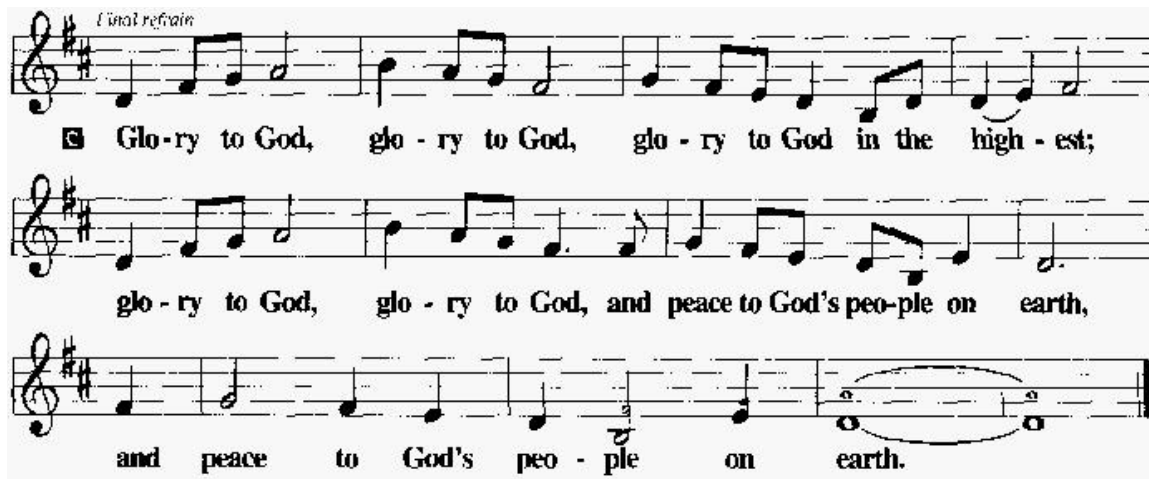
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:

C: **Everlasting God, You give**

**strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of Your healing and wholeness, that good news may be made known to the ends of Your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Whom with You and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

*(congregation reads indented)*

Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God,

**how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!**

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

**He gathers the exiles of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted

**and binds up their wounds.**

He determines the number of the stars

**and calls them each by name.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

**His understanding has no limit.**

The LORD sustains the humble

**but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

**make music to our God on the harp.**

He covers the sky with clouds;

**He supplies the earth with rain**

**and makes grass grow on the hills.**

He provides food for the cattle  
**and for the young ravens when they call.**  
 His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
**nor His delight in the legs of a man;**  
 the LORD delights in those who fear Him,  
**who put their hope in His unfailing love.**  
**Praise the LORD.**

**PRAISE SONG** “*Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*”

(W&R # 32 - Text: Jeffery Rowthorn; Tune: Robert A. Schumann)

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one

bold de - signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and  
 mys - teries known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile  
 now de - spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing  
 fam - ily with a bil - lion names; let ev - ery life be

stars and light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 blend with air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 like a dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 touched by grace un - til we praise you face to face.

**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)*

*(Please sit.)*

**FIRST READING** ....Isaiah 40:21-31.....Pg. 1120

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

**SECOND READING....1 Corinthians 9:16-27.....Pg. 1781**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*“Arise, Your Light Has Come” verses 1-2 (ELW # 314)*

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947      Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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

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

**GOSPEL ....Mark 1:29-45.....Pg. 1553**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verses 3-4*

*(Young children go to Children's Church)*

**SERMON** *(Please sit.)*

Miykael Zyskowski *“My Flesh Is Real Food”*

**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.)*

*“All Glory Be to God Alone” (LH # 238)*

1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
2 We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless; We wor - ship Thee in  
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
4 Thou dost the world's sin take a - way; Have mer - cy on us,

High - est One, Who doth our sin - ful race be - friend And  
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy Thee,  
might - y One. O Lord, the Sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
Lord, we pray. Thou dost the world's sin take a - way; Give

grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong man - kind may His good  
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Thy great glo - ry do we  
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e - ter - ni -  
ear un - to the prayer we say. Thou sitt'st at God's right hand for

will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
sing, And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring.  
ty, O Lamb of God, to Thee we flee.  
aye; Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray. A - men.

5 Thou only art the Holy One;  
Thou art o'er all things Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
Thee only as the Lord Most High;  
Thou art, the Holy Ghost with Thee,  
One in the Father's majesty.

6 Amen, this ever true shall be,  
As angels sing adoringly.  
By all creation, far and wide,  
Thou, Lord, art ever glorified;  
And Thee all Christendom doth praise  
Now and through everlasting days.



## SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Appendix II - Grace at Meals*:

L: The children and members of the household should come to the table modestly, fold their hands and say:

**C: All eyes look to You, O Lord, and You give everyone food at the right time. You open Your generous hands and satisfy the hunger of all living things with what they desire. (Psalm 145:15-16)**

L: Note: "What they desire" means that all animals get so much to eat, that they are happy and cheerful.

**C: Because, worry and greed interferes with such desires.**

L: After this, pray the Lord's Prayer and the following prayer:

**C: Lord God, Heavenly Father, bless us and these gifts, which we receive from Your generous hand, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

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

## 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!*

## WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh You have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of Your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God Whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: (*WOV p 36*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Remembering, therefore, His preaching and healing, His dying and rising, and His promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in Your holy and life-giving

light. By Your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of Your Son. Through Him all glory and honor is Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever. **AMEN.**

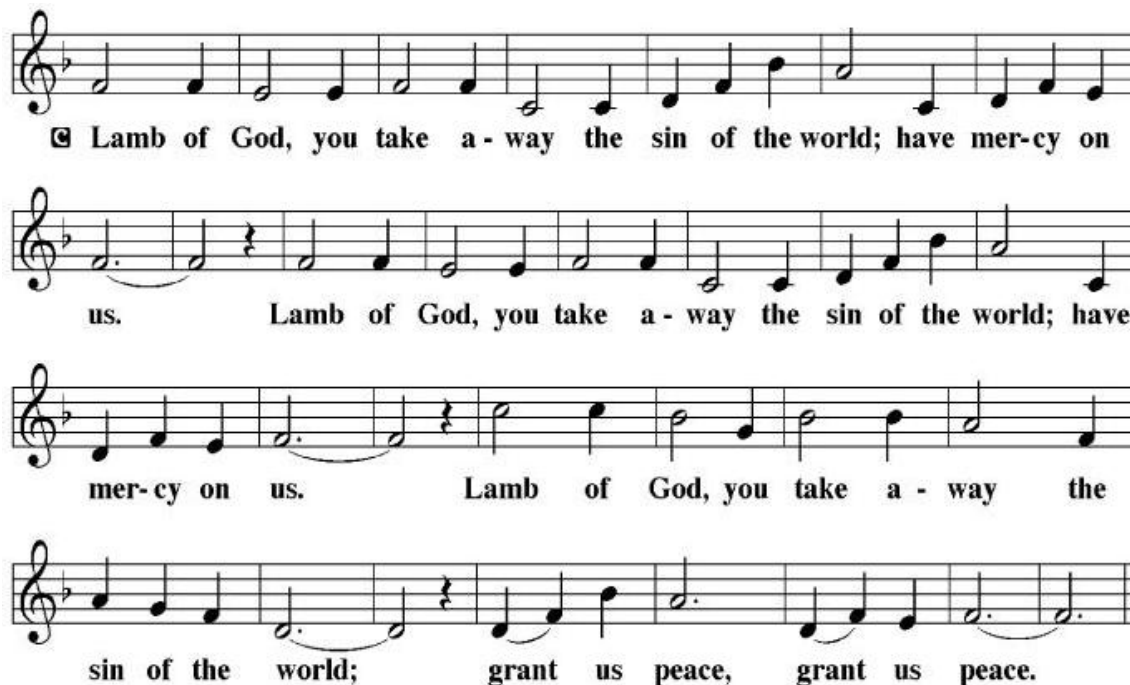
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung)*

**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. AMEN.**

## **COMMUNION** *(Please be seated)*

P: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread. *All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

## **LAMB OF GOD** *(WOV p 39)*



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*

## 1. "He Lifted Me" *(Maj # 629 - Charles H. Gabriel)*

1 In lov - ing-kind - ness Je - sus came My soul in mer - cy to re-claim,  
2 He called me long be - fore I heard, Be - fore my sin - ful heart was stirred,  
3 His brow was pierced with man - y a thorn, His hands by cru - el nails were torn,  
4 Now on a high - er plane I dwell, And with my soul I know 'tis well;

1 And from the depths of sin and shame Through grace He lift - ed me.  
2 But when I took Him at His word, For - given He lift - ed me.  
3 When from my guilt and grief, for - lorn, In love He lift - ed me.  
4 Yet how or why, I can - not tell, He should have lift - ed me.

From sink - ing sand He lift - ed me, With ten - der hand He lift - ed me;

From shades of night to plains of light, O praise His name, He lift - ed me!

# WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

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

**CANTICLE** *(Please rise when all have returned to their seats.)*

*"They that Wait on the Lord" (Maj # 364 - favorite - Stuart Hamblen)*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "They that wait up-on the Lord shall re - new their strength; They shall mount up with wings like ea - gles; They shall run, and not be wea - ry; They shall walk, and not faint. Teach me, Lord, teach me, Lord, to wait."

*(10:45 - Communion visitors comes forward.)*

## **SENDING OF COMMUNION** (10:45)

**L:** Let us pray together:      **C: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples and sent them into the world, bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know Your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.      **C: AMEN.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*“Oh, Worship The King” (Maj # 14 - 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 O wor - ship the King all glo - rious a - bove, And  
 2 O tell of His might and sing of His grace, Whose  
 3 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It  
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In

1 grate - ful - ly sing His won - der - ful love; Our  
 2 robe is the light, whose can - o - py space; His  
 3 breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It  
 4 Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy

1 Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -  
 2 char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, And  
 3 streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And  
 4 mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end, Our

1 vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 2 dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
 3 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
 4 Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend. A - men.

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Adam Barlow / 10:45-Irene Graham

SOUND: 8:30-Chris Chmela / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

LIVE STREAM: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski

SONG LEADER: Nancy Cook

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Marianne Sands

LECTOR: 8:30-Lauri Barlow / 10:45-Marianne Sands

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

PREACHER: Miykael Zyskowski

USHER: 8:30-Mike Zyskowski / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45 Marianne Sands

COMMUNION VISITORS: Pastor David, Sharon Branigan

ALTAR GUILD: Sharon Branigan, Irene Graham

COUNTERS: Karen Brown, Mike & Bella Zyskowski

HOSPITALITY: Holy Cross Social Ministry

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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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