

# JANUARY 29, 2023 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Prelude** - "O God Of God, O Light Of Light" tune *O Grosser Gott*, setting by Carl Schalk.

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
 △ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
 Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

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## Kyrie

LSB 186

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** 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.

**C** A - men.

<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.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

<sup>1</sup>**O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?  
 Who shall dwell on your holy hill?**  
<sup>2</sup>**He who walks blamelessly and does what is right  
 and speaks truth in his heart;**  
<sup>3</sup>**who does not slander with his tongue  
 and does no evil to his neighbor,  
 nor takes up a reproach against his friend;**  
<sup>4</sup>**in whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
 but who honors those who fear the LORD;  
 who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**  
<sup>5</sup>**who does not put out his money at interest  
 and does not take a bribe against the innocent.**  
**He who does these things shall never be moved.**  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
 and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Epistle

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.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia

LSB 190

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, 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.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

## 848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

sts. 1, 3-4



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -  
 4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
 veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,  
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the  
 Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and  
 Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -  
 bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring  
 com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.  
 us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Kneel*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** Hear our prayer!

*The Prayers conclude:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

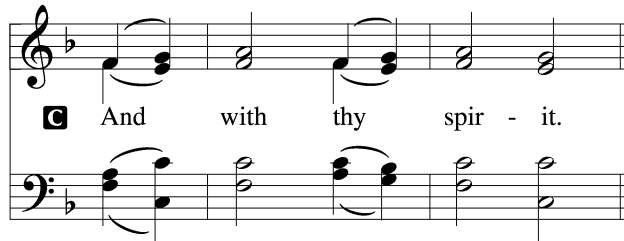
**Anthem** - The Parish Choir sings “*Be Thou My Vision*” by Wagner (10:30).

*Stand*

**Preface**



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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





**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

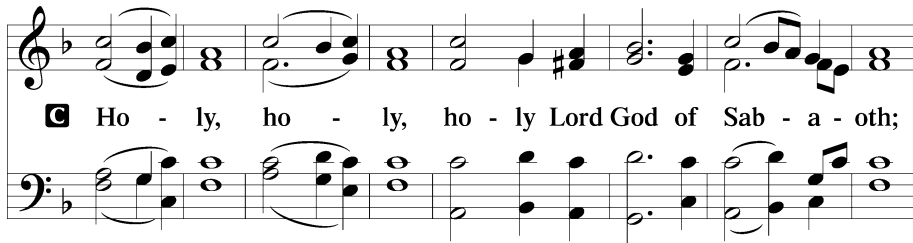


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

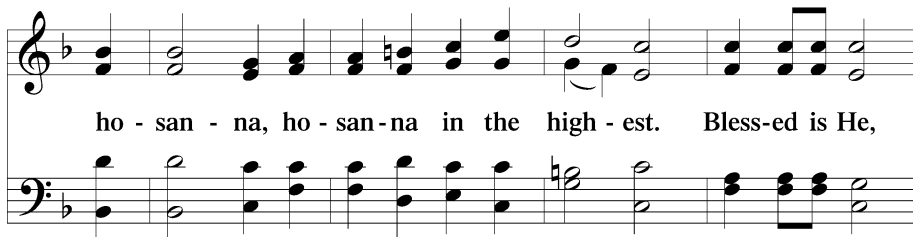
LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy 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 that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

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

**Lord's Prayer**

LSB 197

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can  
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True  
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has  
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -  
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.  
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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## 567 Not What These Hands Have Done



1 Not what these hands have done Can save this guilt - y soul;  
 2 Not what I feel or do Can give me peace with God;  
 3 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin;  
 4 Thy love to me, O God, Not mine, O Lord, to Thee,



Not what this toil - ing flesh has borne Can make my spir - it whole.  
 Not all my prayers and sighs and tears Can bear my aw - ful load.  
 Thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, Can give me peace with - in.  
 Can rid me of this dark un - rest And set my spir - it free.

5 Thy grace alone, O God,  
 To me can pardon speak;  
 Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God,  
 Can this sore bondage break.

6 I bless the Christ of God,  
 I rest on love divine,  
 And with unfalt'ring lip and heart  
 I call this Savior mine.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
 Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy  
 people Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



### Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.

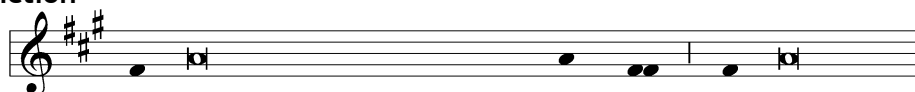


**C** Thanks be to God.

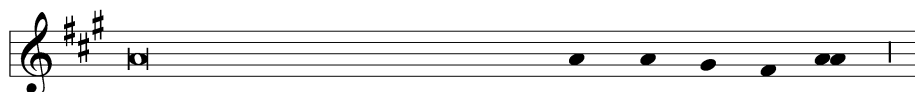


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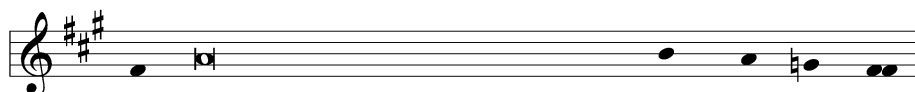
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.



## 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

sts. 1-2, 4



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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**Postlude** - "A Celebration Of Praise" by James Denton.

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