## Our Savior Lutheran Church Mankato, Minnesota

# The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 4, 2024

#### Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn: "Praise the Almighty"

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death; With songs and anthems I come before Him As long as He allows me breath. From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earthborn they are and soon decay. Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, When the dark grave engulfs its prey. Since mortals can no help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
  Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
  Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
  And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
  To all who trust in Him, our Lord
  Will aid and counsel now afford.
  Alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from Him obtain; Ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God He will remain. He helps His children in distress, The widows and the fatherless. Alleluia, alleluia!

△ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!

All that has being, to praise Him solely,

With happy heart its amen sings.

Children of God, with angel host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Alleluia, alleluia!

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- **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,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Absolution LSB 185

### Service of the Word

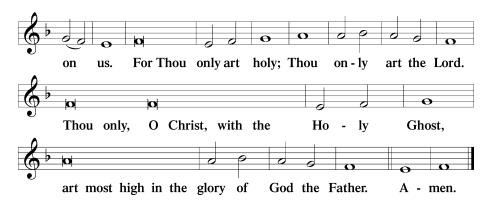
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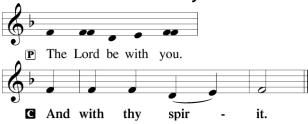


Gloria in Excelsis





## Salutation and Collect of the Day



#### **P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,

and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God. the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm** Psalm 147:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

he gives to all of them their names. <sup>5</sup>Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. <sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the humble: he casts the wicked to the ground. <sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! <sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds: he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. <sup>9</sup>He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. <sup>10</sup>His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, <sup>11</sup>but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

<sup>4</sup>He determines the number of the stars;

Gloria Patri

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 9:16–27

<sup>16</sup>If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## Anthem: "My Jesus I Love Thee"

**Brass** 

Alleluia LSB 190



Holy Gospel Mark 1:29–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## **Apostles' Creed**

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

- Hail to the Lord's anointed,
  Great David's greater Son!
  Hail, in the time appointed,
  His reign on earth begun!
  He comes to break oppression,
  To set the captive free,
  To take away transgression
  And rule in equity.
- He comes with rescue speedy

   To those who suffer wrong,
   To help the poor and needy
   And bid the weak be strong;
   To give them songs for sighing,
   Their darkness turn to light,

   Whose souls, condemned and dying,

   Were precious in His sight.
- He shall come down like showers
   Upon the fruitful earth;

   Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
   Spring in His path to birth.

   Before Him on the mountains
   Shall peace, the herald, go;

   And righteousness in fountains
   From hill to valley flow.

- Kings shall fall down before Him
   And gold and incense bring;
   All nations shall adore Him,
   His praise all people sing.
   To Him shall prayer unceasing
   And daily vows ascend;
   His kingdom still increasing,
   A kingdom without end.
- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
  He on His throne shall rest,
  From age to age more glorious,
  All blessing and all-blest.
  The tide of time shall never
  His covenant remove;
  His name shall stand forever—
  That name to us is Love.

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#### Sermon

Offertory

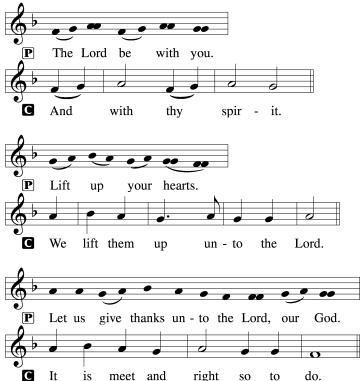
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## Prayer of the Church

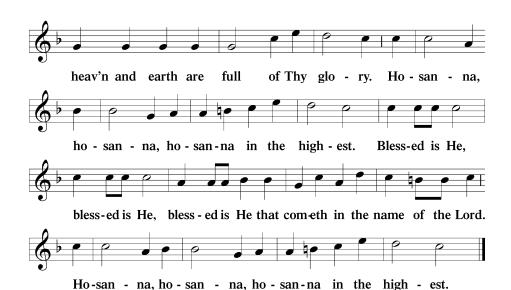
## Service of the Sacrament





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:





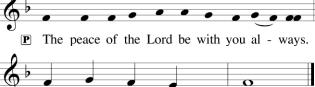
Lord's Prayer LSB 162

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

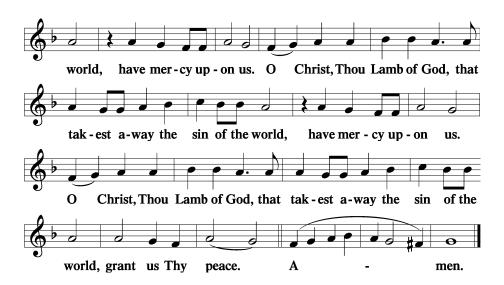
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C A - men.





## **Distribution Hymns:**

## "Fight the Good Fight"

LSB 664

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.
- Run the straight race through God's good grace;
   Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
   Life with its way before us lies;
   Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear; Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

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#### "O God of Light"

LSB 836

- O God of light, Your Word, a lamp unfailing, Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way And show Your grace, Your plan for us unveiling, And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.
- 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages, Though we rebelled, You gently sought again And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages, Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
- 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing To sinful hearts Your justice and Your grace; And questing spirits, longing for Your healing, See Your compassion in the Savior's face.
- 4 To all the world Your summons You are sending,
  Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,
  That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,
  May praise and celebrate Your gift of grace.

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#### "What Wondrous Love Is This"

- What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
  What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
  What wondrous love is this
  That caused the Lord of bliss
  To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
  To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- When I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down

  Beneath God's righteous frown,
  Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
  Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
  To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
  To God and to the Lamb,
  Who is the great I AM,
  While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
  While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

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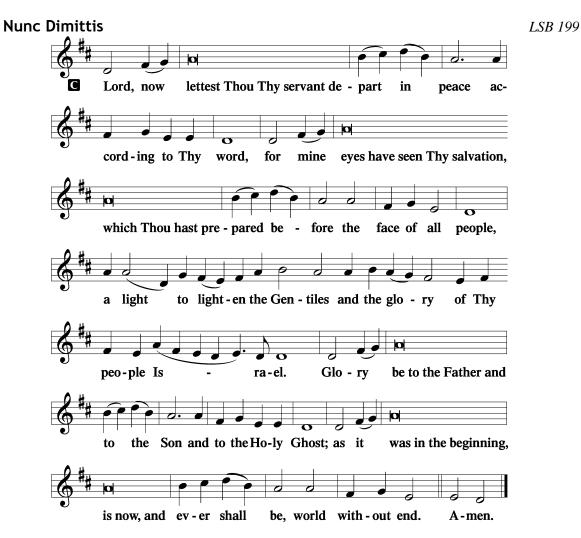
I'll sing His love for me,

And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

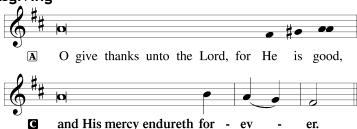
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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Thanksgiving LSB 200



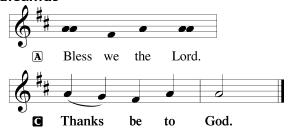
A Let us pray.

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 Amen.



Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



## Closing Hymn: "O Son of God, in Galilee"

LSB 841

- O Son of God, in Galilee
  You made the deaf to hear,
  The mute to speak, the blind to see;
  O blessèd Lord, be near.
- O listen to the silent prayer
   Of Your afflicted ones.
   O bid them cast on You their care;
   Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord; Your "Ephphatha," O Savior dear, Can instant help afford.
- Meanwhile to them the list'ning ear
   Of steadfast faith impart,
   And let Your Word bring light and cheer
   To ev'ry troubled heart.
- Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove a gain;
   All myst'ries we shall understand, For You will make them plain.

Text: Anna B. D. Hoppe, 1889–1941, alt.

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