

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



**January 29, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Holy Communion**

# Gathering Music

*“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*  
**Sound Offering**



## **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord using words such as  
“Peace be with you.”*



# Worship Song

*“Blessed Be Your Name”*

***Please be seated.***

***All are welcome to sing.***



**“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Blessed be Your name  
in the land that is plentiful;  
Where streams of abundance flow,  
blessed be Your name.**



# **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Blessed be Your name  
when I'm found in the desert place,  
when I walk through the wilderness,  
blessed be Your name.**



# **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Ev’ry blessing You pour out  
I’ll turn back to praise.**

**When the darkness closes in, Lord,  
still I will say,**



# **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be Your name;  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
blessed be Your glorious Name.**





# **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**Blessed be Your name  
when the sun's shining down on me;  
When the world's all as it should be,  
blessed be Your name.**



# “Blessed Be Your Name”

**Blessed be Your name  
on the road marked with suffering;  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
blessed be Your name;**



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# **“Blessed Be Your Name”**

**You give and take away,  
You give and take away;  
My heart will choose to say,  
“Lord, blessed be Your name”.**



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# Worship Song

*“10,000 Reasons”*

***All are welcome to sing.***



# **“10,000 Reasons”**

**Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**Worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**I worship Your holy name.**



# “10,000 Reasons”

**The sun comes up.  
It's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.**



# “10,000 Reasons”

**Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes.**



# **“10,000 Reasons”**

**Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**Worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**I worship Your holy name.**



# **“10,000 Reasons”**

**You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind.**



# “10,000 Reasons”

**For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find.**



# **“10,000 Reasons”**

**Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**Worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**I worship Your holy name.**





# **“10,000 Reasons”**

**And on that day  
When my strength is failing,  
The end draws near  
And my time has come,**



# “10,000 Reasons”

**Still my soul will sing  
Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forever more.**



# **“10,000 Reasons”**

**Bless the Lord, oh, my soul,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**Worship His holy name.**

**Sing like never before,**

**Oh, my soul.**

**I worship Your holy name.**



# “10,000 Reasons”

**Yes, I will worship  
Your holy name.  
Lord, I worship  
Your holy name.**

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## Greeting

**P:** 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.**



## Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart.



## Prayer of the Day

Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**



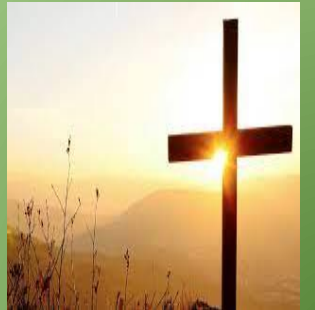
**Word: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

# **A Reading from 1 Corinthians the First Chapter**





**L:** <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness 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, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.



<sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.



<sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human 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, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God.



<sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*(1 Corinthians 1:18-31)*





## Word: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



**P:** The Gospel according to St. Matthew  
the Fifth Chapter.

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





## Word: Matthew 5:1-12

**P:** <sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.



5" Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6" Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7" Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8" Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.



9" Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10" Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*(Matthew 5:1-12)*



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

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.



## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING**



**Sermon**

**SERMON**  
**Pastor Rick Carlson**



# Worship Song

*“This I Believe (The Creed)”*

*All are welcome to sing*





**“This I Believe (The Creed)”**

**Our Father everlasting,  
the all-creating One,  
God Almighty.  
Through Your Holy Spirit,  
conceiving Christ the Son,  
Jesus Our Savior.**



## **“This I Believe (The Creed)”**

**I believe in God our Father,**

**I believe in Christ the Son.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**Our God is three in one.**

**I believe in the resurrection,**

**that we will rise again.**

**For I believe in the name of Jesus.**

# **“This I Believe (The Creed)”**

**Our judge and our defender,  
suffered and crucified.  
Forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious light.  
Forever seated high.**



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**I believe in you.**

**I believe You rose again.**

**I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.**



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## Creed

**L:** Let us profess our faith.

**C:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,  
our Lord and Savior, I believe in the  
Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the forgiveness of sins and  
the life everlasting.  
Amen.



## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence for reflection.*



## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice.



## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made.



## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers.



## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together.



## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need. We pray especially for.....





# Prayers of Intercession

Jim Anderson

Brad Bigelow

Bernie Bliefernich

Terry Buschelman

Janice Carnell

Gregory Corrico

Dan Danielson

Heather Dederman

Wayne Deterding

Tammy Edwards

Helen Foos

Kent Hawkinson

Karen Hiskett



# Prayers of Intercession

Linda Holsten

Shawn & Karen Kitzing

Talia Krumbach

Lil Larson

Larry McMaster

Lynn McPheron

Linda Miles

Dick Mintling

Elizabeth Muller

Niki Peterson

Joe Rall

Betty Rickard

Stephanie Russman

Michelle Sawicki

# Prayers of Intercession

Rhonda Schroeder

David & Alli Suing

Charlotte Sitorus

Jennifer Van Dyke

Chloe Spangler

Carl Weber

Carrie Stithem

Patty Welch

Denise Studebaker

Misty White

## **Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:**

- Family and friends of Marty Garringer on his death.
- Steve and Andrea Wolfe and family on the death of Steve's father, Robert Wolfe.

## Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always.



## Prayers of Intercession

**P:** We bring to you our needs and hopes,  
O God, trusting your wisdom and power  
revealed in Christ crucified.

**C:** Amen.



## OFFERTORY

*“O Come to the Altar”*

**Sound Offering**

*Communion Servers,*

*please come forward at this time.*

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# Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**



# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*





# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C:** we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you.



## Confession and Forgiveness

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen**



# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



## Prayer

**L:** Let us pray. Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



# The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.



# The Great Thanksgiving

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

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



## Words of Institution

**P:** In the night in which he was handed over, 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.



## Words of Institution

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.





# The Lord's Prayer

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.



## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**



# Invitation to Communion

**P:** Come and taste the joy of God! All are welcome.



# Communion

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran.  
All are welcome to receive the elements. Please let  
the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.  
The wine is red, and the grape juice is clear in the trays.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*“Doxology”*

**Sound Offering**



## Table Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.



## Prayer after Communion

**L:** Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**C:** Amen.



# Blessing

**P:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**C: Amen.**



# “The Blessing”

**The Lord bless you and keep you,  
make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.**

**The Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.**





# “The Blessing”

**Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.**



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# “The Blessing”

**Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.**



# **“The Blessing”**

**May His favor be upon you  
and a thousand generations  
and your fam'ly and your children  
and their children and their children.**



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# “The Blessing”

**May His presence go before you  
and behind you and beside you.  
All around you and within you,  
He is with you. He is with you.**





# “The Blessing”

**In the morning, in the evening,  
in your coming and your going,  
in your weeping and rejoicing,  
He is for you. He is for you.**



# “The Blessing”

**He is for you. He is for you.  
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**Amen, amen, amen.  
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# “The Blessing”

**Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.**

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# Dismissal

**L:** Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



# Sending Music

## Sound Offering

