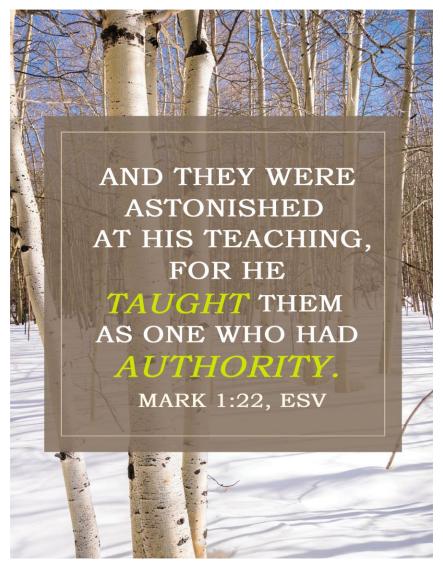
# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Worship...Serve...Grow...Connect



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2024 – 8:15AM

#### (Please note this service is being livestreamed.)

The Holy Lord's Supper: We will celebrate Holy Communion today during worship. In this meal God promises to give us his true body and blood together with the bread and wine. Through his body and blood he forgives our sins and strengthens our relationship with him and with one another. Jesus invites those who trust in his Word, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive others. Because participation in this meal is a confession of the faith of this congregation (1 Corinthians 11:26), and because those who eat and drink Christ's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27), it is important that all Christians examine themselves before communing (1 Corinthians 11:28). We invite you to speak with the pastor after the service if you have any questions or concerns.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers available: For those with sensitivity to gluten, we offer gluten free communion wafers. They come from a reliable, commercially available source and care is taken to prevent any contamination with the other communion hosts. When approached by the pastor, just say "gluten free" and he will provide a host from a protected container.

# Welcome & Announcements

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# Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# **Opening Sentences**

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- **C** You have been our good and faithful Master.
- P You have poured out blessings upon us.
- **C** You have given us all we need to support this body and life.
- P We meditate on all that You have done.
- **C** We ponder the work of Your hands.
- P On account of Your name, O Lord, preserve our lives.
- **C** In Your righteousness, bring us out of trouble.

# **Confession and Absolution**

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- **G** Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

# Silence for reflection.

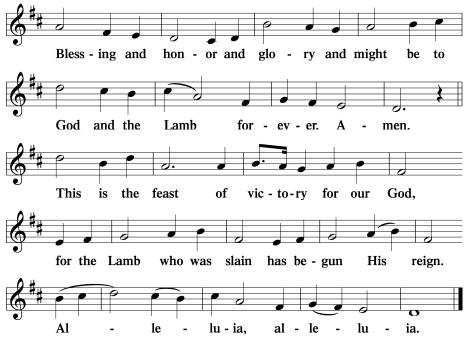
- Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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C Amen.

# Service of the Word





# Salutation

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

# **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that You have sent to us Your Son to be our Brother and to take our place in suffering that we might be saved. Deliver us from our captivity to sin, the tyranny of self, and the temptation of the world that our hearts may be focused upon Christ and delivered from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### **First Reading**

#### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

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

## Second Reading

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

# **Children's Message**



Mark 1:21–28

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# Holy Gospel

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

# Glory to You, O Lord.

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

#### Sermon Hymn 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior Son of God. Sav - ior, Source of life e ter - nal and 1 2 Lord, have lived for oth - ers, As You, So may we for 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and 4 Son ter - nal of God, e -Sav - ior, Source of life and made flesh, whose truth Word birth and grace, a mong us gifts live. Free - ly have Your been grant - ed; oth ers Prince of pas - sion, Peace; Hush the storm of strife and made flesh, whose truth and grace, Word birth а mong us Hal - lows all our hu - man race. You our Head, who, throned in gold and Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the Yours the Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of our hu - man Hal - lows all race: By Your pray - ing, by Your glo - ry, plead: Fill Your own will with Your For ev - er us We sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; but stew-ards toil - ing, Quench our fe - vered By Your si - lent hours of pain, will - ing peo - ple should be That Your one. Grant, 0 grant our our wrongs, and love and pit - y, Heal help our need. Your boun - ty of Held in sol - emn trust will be. plea - sure, thirst of Stem self - ish greed of gain. our hope's fru i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done. Text and tune: Public domain

#### Sermon

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# **Apostles' Creed**

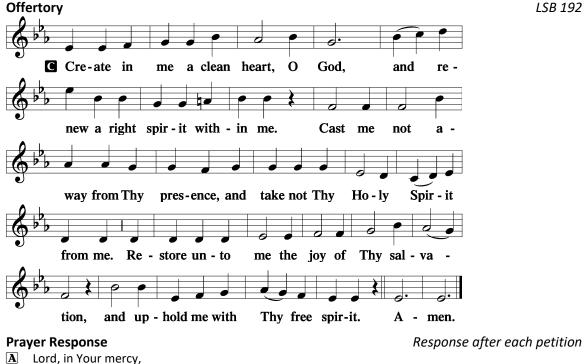
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the 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.

Ushers will collect offerings and prayer cards

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## Offering

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**C** hear our prayer.

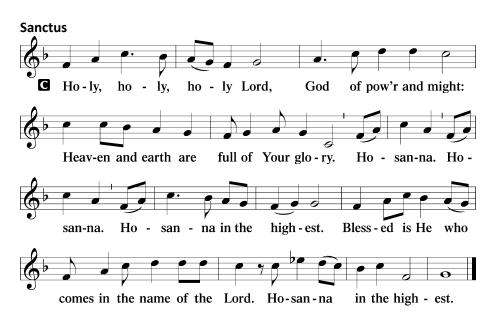
# Service of the Sacrament

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, 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, who by His resurrection from the grave guards us from the evil one, winning for us eternal life, and who continues to direct our hearts to the love of God and to His steadfastness. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Pastor Ted Diedrick



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the allavailing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask that You keep us strong in faith for the days ahead. Grant that we follow Your Lamb through death to eternal life, when faith turns to sight and we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in Your eternal banquet hall. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen.

# The Words of Our Lord

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 + 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 + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

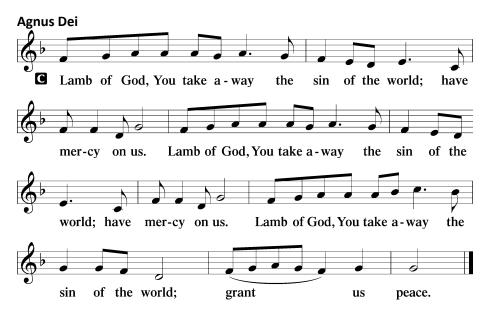
# C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

# 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.
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

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(You may be seated)

# **Distribution of the Holy Lord's Supper**

#### **Distribution Hymn**

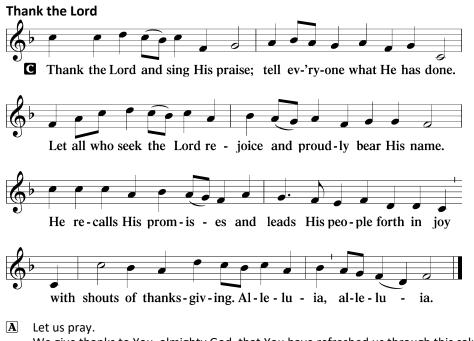
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Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, Whom yet 0 un - seen we love; 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine; our song a - bove 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this ð 0 name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove, Thy-self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought, The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, 0 Son of God, is Thine. In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love; ø We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, Thee, O Christ, we sing; То We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, То Thee, O Christ, we sing; We wor-ship Thee, we bless Thee, То Thee, O Christ, we sing; Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring, We praise Thee and con-fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King. We praise Thee and con-fess Thee, Our gra-cious Lord and King. We praise Thee and con-fess Thee, Our glo-rious Lord and King. Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King! And ev - er - more con - fess

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# (Please stand)



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.

# Benediction

- C Amen.

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