



# *Our Saviour's Lutheran Church*

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## *Epiphany 4*

*January 31, 2021*

## Welcome – Pastor Len Hoffmann

## Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**Pastor:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.*

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** *Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
(Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.)*

**Pastor:** *We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.*

**People:** ***Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.***

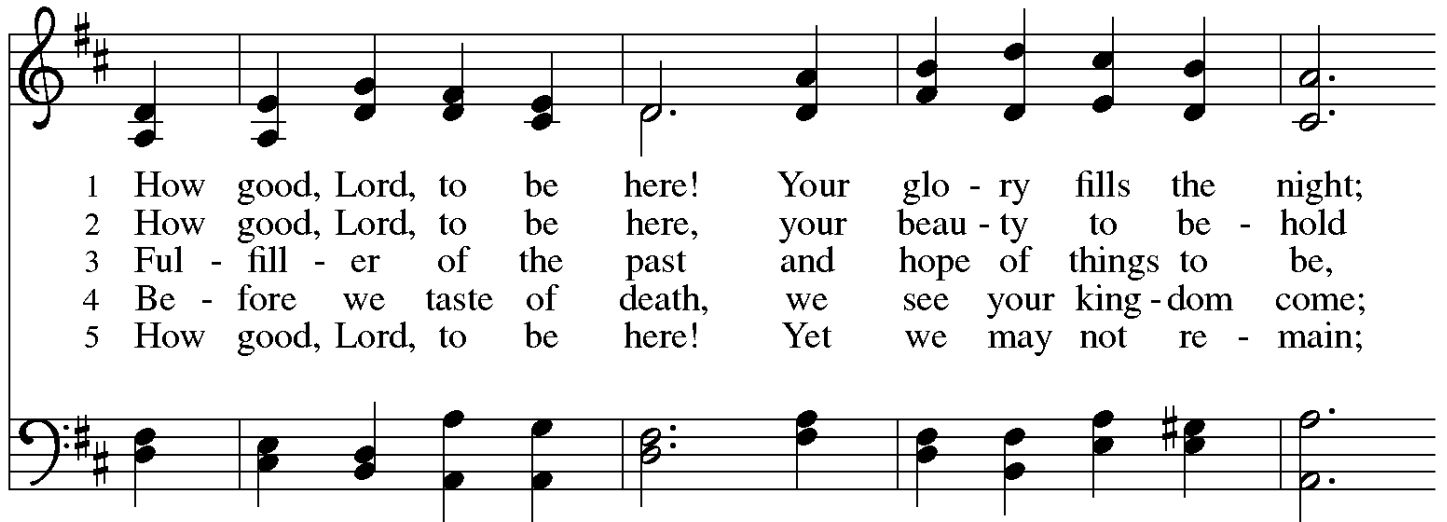
**Pastor:** *We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.*

**People:** ***To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.***

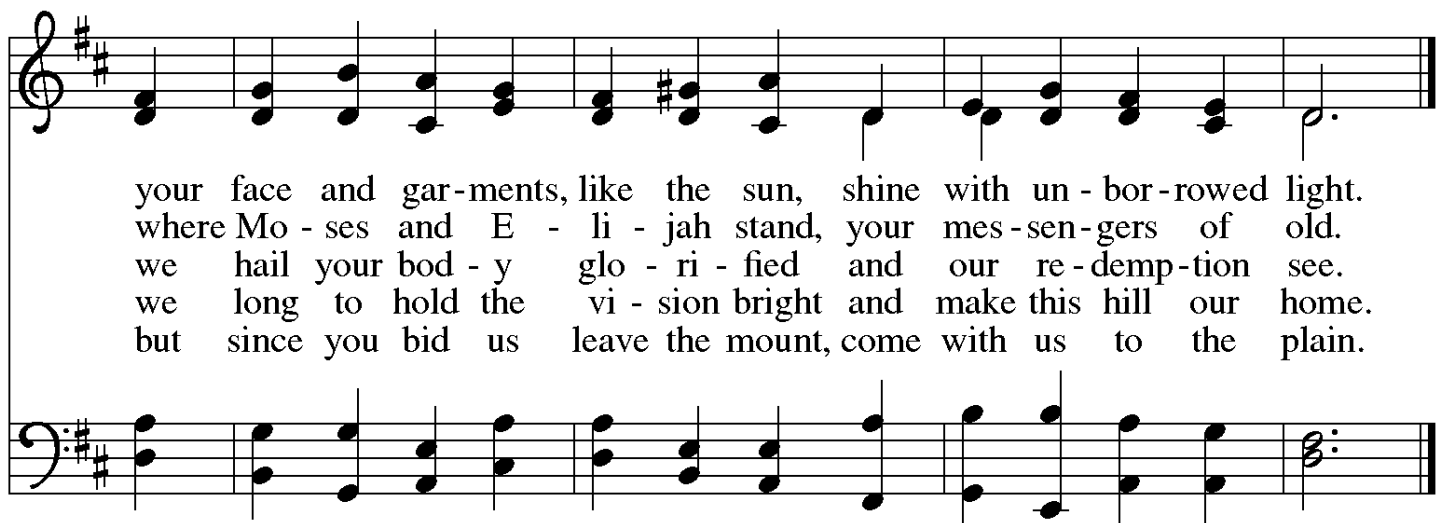
**\*Gathering Song ~ ELW Hymn #315**

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here!"

POTSDAM



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

**Greeting**

**Pastor:** *The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

Hymn of Praise ~ ELW Hymn #167

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

GIA

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

## \*Prayer of the Day *(pray together)*

**Pastor:** *Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**People:** *Amen*

## WORD<sup>†</sup>

### First Reading

#### A reading from Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

**Lector:** *Word of God, word of life.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your | works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;  
you are gracious and full | of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to | those who fear you,  
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power | of your works  
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;  
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
because they are done in | truth and equity. R**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;  
holy and awesome | is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever. R**

## Second Reading

### A reading from 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

**Lector:** *Word of God, word of life.*

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Pastor:** *Alleluia. The people who sat in darkness have seen | a great light;\* for those who sat in the shadow of death | light has dawned. Alleluia. (Matt. 4:16)*

## The Gospel Reading

### The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**Lector:** *The Gospel of the Lord,*

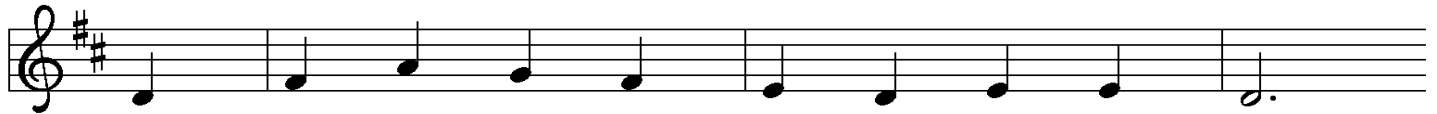
**People:** *Praise to you, O Lord.*

## The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann

**\*Hymn of the Day ~ \*Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #584**

*"The Son of God, Our Christ"*

SURSUM CORDA



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,  
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare  
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,  
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;  
these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;  
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,  
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,  
what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be  
and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought  
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,  
that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.  
the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.  
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.  
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.  
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

**The Apostles' Creed**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;*

*he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

### **\*Prayers of the People**

After each petition of the prayers:

**Lector:** *Let us pray,*  
**People:** *Have mercy, O God.*

**Lector:** *Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of  
the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.*  
**People:** *Amen.*

### **\*Offering Prayer**

**Pastor:** *O God,  
receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.*  
**People:** *Amen.*

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

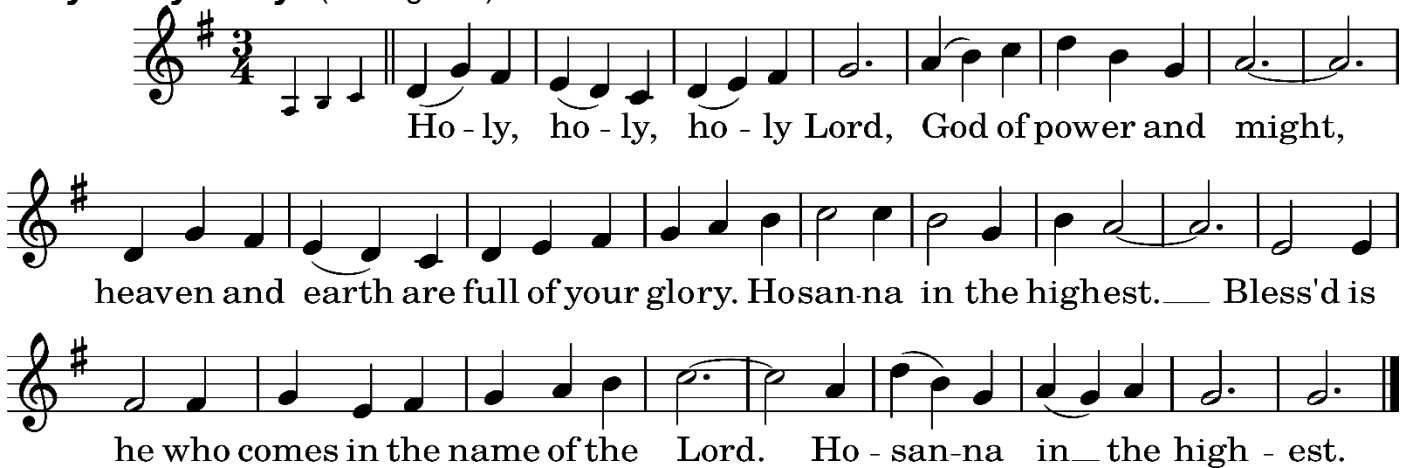
**Pastor:** *The Lord be with you.*  
**People:** *And also with you.*  
**Pastor:** *Lift up your hearts.*  
**People:** *We lift them to the Lord.*  
**Pastor:** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*  
**People:** *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*



## \*Preface

**Pastor:** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### **Holy! Holy! Holy!** (setting one)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosan-na in the highest. — Bless'd is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**Pastor:** *Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.*

*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 death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.*

*Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.*

**People:** *Amen.*

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

### **\*The 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.*

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Pastor:** *Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.  
Come and be fed.*

### **Distribution Special Music**

*"We Three Kings"*

Trombone Duet: Kent Pflibsen & Asher Haverhill

**Pastor:** *May the body & blood of our Lord and savior,  
Jesus Christ, strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace. Amen.*

### **\*Prayer after Communion**

**Pastor:** *Christ Jesus,  
at this table we have feasted on your very life  
and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
nourished in body and in spirit  
to proclaim your good news  
and serve others in your name.*

**People:** *Amen*

## \*Blessing

**Pastor:** God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter  $\mp$  keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

## \*Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #679

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

AR HYD Y NOS

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## \*Dismissal

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**People:** Thanks be to God!

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadlffLHnDxG>

And they are linked to the church website.

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Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.

**Please add to your prayer list:**

Mert Ingvaldstad  
Sumaya Alvillar  
Synod VP Paul Gryniwicz  
Sonja Dunn  
Kathryn Barrera



Sunday, February 7, 2021  
Epiphany 5

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

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