

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**  
"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW Hymn 710

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**  
...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

...Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen**

**\*PEACE**  
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY** -"We Shall Walk Through the Valley" by Undine Smith Moore

**\*OFFERING SONG**  
"Brightest and Best of the Stars"

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**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

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... 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:

**SANCTUS**

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...together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

...all our sins and sorrows will be no more.  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

...that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

...all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**  
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*At the direction of the usher, please come forward, forming two lines in the center aisle, to stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the gift of God's living Word in bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All are welcome at this table.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Lamb of God"

"O God of Mercy, God of Light"

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**\*TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING**

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

"To Be Your Presence"

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**\*DISMISSAL**

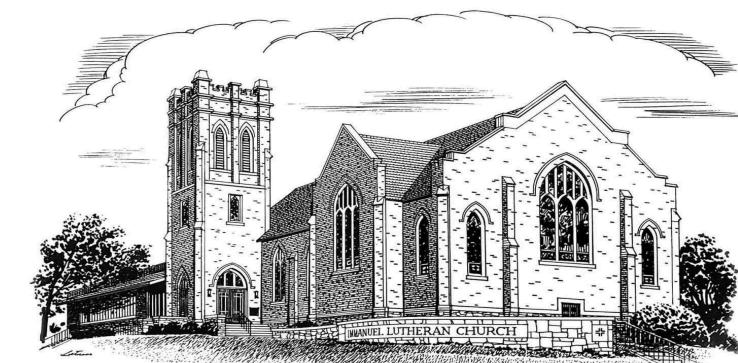
Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve," by David M. Cherwien (b. 1957)  
Based on ELW 551

## Welcome to Worship

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



February 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.



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February 1, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

Find page numbers in the front of the ELW (red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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**Bold=All**

\*Please stand as you are able

#### GATHERING

##### PRELUDE

"Keyboard Sonata in C major," Hob.XVI:1, by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

##### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### \*CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>+</sup> one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,**  
**but we have served our own interests**  
**at the expense of our neighbors.**

**We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words,**  
**but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,**  
**that we may do justice, love mercy,**  
**and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in <sup>+</sup> Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN**  
**"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart!"**

ELW Hymn 873

##### \*GREETING

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

##### \*KYRIE

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
**"Glory to God"**

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#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

#### WORD

##### FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

1 Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

2 Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
for the Lord has a case against his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

3 "O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 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.

5 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

6 "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?

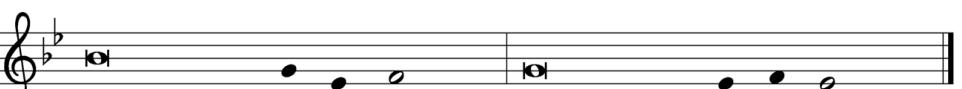
7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

8 He has told you, O mortal, 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?

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

##### PSALMODY: Psalm 15



1 Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?  
2 Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart; R

3 they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their  
friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor  
those who | fear the Lord.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back  
their word.

5 They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take  
bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. R

##### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

18 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. 19 For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."  
20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the  
debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?  
21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through  
wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to  
save those who believe. 22 For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire  
wisdom, 23 but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews  
and foolishness to gentiles, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews  
and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For  
God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is  
stronger than human strength.

26 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. 27 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; 28 God  
chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to  
abolish things that are, 29 so that no one might boast in the presence of  
God. 30 In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for  
us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and  
redemption, 31 in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts,  
boast in the Lord."

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##### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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##### \*GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat  
down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught  
them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "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 the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter  
all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted  
the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### SERMON