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February 2nd, 2025 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
***Enter the Light of Christ**

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements:

- **Sunday School 9:30 am, all are welcome.**
- **Bible Study this coming Wednesday at 11 am. Walking Where Jesus Walked**
- **February Soup Sale, pre-order deadline will be Feb. 9th, and pick up will be Feb. 13th from 3 - 4:30pm. Soups available are: Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper, Potato, Ham & Bean, Vegetable, and Chili. Fill out order form or call the church office (330) 482-2382.**
- **February 16th, Chef Brad's Brunch after service.**
- **February 19th, 10:00 am, Fellowship Breakfast at the Dutch Haus. All are welcome, no reservations needed.**

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we come to You this day, seeking Your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is Your love that will support and sustain our efforts. Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***Opening Hymn: "My Hope Is Built" 1, 2, & 4 #368**

Call to Worship:

L: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

P: But who am I, that God should call me?

L: You are a beloved child of God.

P: But I am weak I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

L: God is with you; don't be afraid.

P: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you. AMEN

Pastoral Prayer
Apostle's Creed #881

Offertory:

***Doxology #95**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries and loves without limit, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Use them to proclaim Your good news, heal the broken, and extend your love to all, especially those we struggle to accept. Transform our gifts into a beacon of hope and inclusion that reflects the boundless love of Christ in every corner of our community. In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation: "Christ, We Are Blessed"**

(sung to the tune, Be Thou My Vision see insert)

Celebration of Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

Gloria Patri #70

Message: "Rejected by His Hometown" Pastor Cyndi

***Closing Hymn: "Victory in Jesus" #370**

***Benediction**

***Sending: "God Be With You"**

***Postlude**

**Indicates for the congregation to stand if you are able*

In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be put to shame.

2 Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to me, and save me.

3 Be my [a]strong refuge, To which I may resort continually; You have given the commandment to save me, For You are my rock and my fortress.

4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. 5 For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth.

6 By You I have been [b]upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You.

Let us praise God together, as we have church.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Our hope is in You! If You have taught us one thing in all the time that we have walked together, it is to lean not on our strength and understanding but to trust in You and Your ways. If we had gone this far by our ways, we would be a total loss by now. You have upheld us and carried us at our weakest moments. You have been there for us when we have not been there for You. Lord God, please protect us! Guide us in Your truth! Father God, do not let us be put to shame and lead us not into temptation, but Lord, deliver us! For Your Name's sake and Your glory, keep us from falling! We have come this far, now please Lord, take us further. We want to finish this race strong. We want to enter into Your kingdom and hear those blessed words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We want to live for You Lord. Please watch over us.

O God, help us always turn to You first. Let You and You alone be my shelter. Help us not vent my sorrows and my troubles to my friends and family before I take them all to You. Help us to seek You first in prayer and turn to You first when in need. I know that You can do all things and that through Jesus inside of us, we can face everything that this world can throw our way. Lord, your ways are better than our ways. Help us to seek those first. Let us give You the first fruits of our days. Early we will seek You. Let the first and last words from our lips be to You each day. As we rise and as we lay, let our eyes be fixed on Your Son.

Lord Jesus, from the beginning of creation You have known us. Before we were conceived You had plans for us. From the womb You protected us. From then until this day You have set us on a path that has led us to right here. Here we sit before You. At Your feet, we throw ourselves. Help us to stick to Your path. Lead me in Your ways. Help us to trust You with all of our heart and to not lean on our understanding. You know what is best for us. Help us to put all of our trust in Your Holy Word. Daily we must seek it! Rid us of our pride and our slothfulness. Help us to never justify a day without seeking You. Help us to place all things into Your hands. LORD God, we surrender all to You.

We give to You today the things that are bothersome to us. We give to You those who need Your healing. We give to You those who need direction. We give to You ourselves and all that we need for today and the days to come.

We thank You for all that You have done in this past week, and we praise Your name for the things that have fallen into place because it was Your will.

Today we lift to You the names that have been spoken here today, we know that You know their needs, and we also know that You are the One that will fill them. All this we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.