

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

#### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: At the beginning of the Church Year, many sang the hymn “Love Came Down at Christmas.” Indeed, the Bible says, **“God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son”** (John 3:16). It is only on Good Friday, however, that we discover the depth and power of God’s love in the cross of the Lord’s death. And so it was that ever since the beginning of His earthly ministry, after His Baptism, we are given clear hints about the true nature of God’s love. Initially people marveled at Jesus’ preaching and miraculous healings. Yet not only did the crowds quickly reject our Lord, but Satan also was actively opposing Him from the beginning. The love of God is the power of God to defeat Satan and free the world from the grip of sin and death. The standard of love is **the cross of Christ**. In today’s Epistle, Paul describes love in and through Christ. Substitute “Christ” for “love” and you get, “Christ is patient and kind; Christ does not envy or boast; Christ rejoices with the truth.” This love of Christ is given to us and through us. **“Faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these”** is the **cross of Christ!**

## PREPARATION ✠

(Please stand)

### HYMN

“Lift High The Cross” *LSB 837 vs 1-3*

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Come Christians follow where our Captain trod  
Our King victorious  
Christ the Son of God**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES** *John 1:10–12*

Pastor: Jesus Christ was in the world, and the world was made through Him,

**People: yet the world did not know Him.**

Pastor: He came to His own,

**People: and His own people did not receive Him.**

Pastor: But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name,

**People: He gave the right to become children of God.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the confession and absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *John 1:14*

Pastor: God has come to us to make us His own children.

Let us confess our sins of unbelief that He may give us faith to receive Him and His love.

**People: O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by choosing to go our own way. Without You, we are lost and confused and without hope. Without You, we do not know love. Come now to us and forgive our waywardness and weakness. Give us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Receive us again into the family of Your redeemed. Amen.**

Pastor: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please stand)

✠ **WORD** ✠

**INTROIT** *Psalm 102:18–22; antiphon v. 13*

Pastor: Thou wilt arise and have compassion on Zion; For it is time to be gracious to her, For the appointed time has come. This will be written for the generation to come; That a people yet to be created may praise the Lord. For He looked down from His holy height; From heaven the Lord gazed upon the earth, To hear the groaning of the prisoner; To set free those who were doomed to death; That men may tell of the name of the Lord in Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem; When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve the Lord. Thou wilt arise and have compassion on Zion; For it is time to be gracious to her, For the appointed time has come.

**GLORIA PATRI** (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

**KYRIE** (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Gloria In Excelsis, Glory to God in the Highest” *LSB 154*

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**People:** (sing)

**Lord God, heavenly king almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for  
your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive  
our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One. You alone are the  
Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the  
Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, You have shown the world Your love chiefly in the deliverance of the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Make us to know this self-sacrificing love and share it with all in every kind of need; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Jeremiah 1:4–10 (17–19) ESV*

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.” Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13 ESV*

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

**THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sung)

**People:** **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 4:31–44* ESV

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, “Ha! 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 when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her,



and immediately she rose and began to serve them. Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made**

**man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**(please be seated)**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Lift High The Cross” *LSB 837 vs 4-6***

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree  
As Thou hast promised  
draw us all to Thee**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be  
Praise to the Crucified for victory**

**Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name**

**+ SERMON+**

**“Cruciform Love”**

**Text:** 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13 (The Epistle Reading)

**Theme:** Christ’s cross is the source and norm of Christian love and life.

**Goal:** That God’s people will be comforted by Christ’s cruciform love for them as sinners and embrace the cruciform love of Christ in their daily vocations.

(Please stand)

**OFFERTORY** *LSB pages 192-193 (we sing)*

**All:**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: O God of love, thanks and praise be to You for sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to open Your kingdom by means of His love and deliverance and glory on the cross. Greater love has no one than this. Work in us, Your children, the gift of Your love, that we be enabled to endure the struggles of faith and hope and to reflect Your true glory all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Establish Your whole Church and this congregation to be walking and serving together in love for You and love toward one another and the world, that many come to the knowledge of Your truth and salvation. Grant Your strength and blessing to all who preach Your life-giving Word and those who serve as Your loving hands to all who are in any need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant Your grace and wisdom to all who serve in the government of our country. Give strength and integrity to those in the armed forces and to all who serve and protect us in our communities. Give all agencies dedicated to the service of helping and healing people the freedom to do their good works for the support of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Hear also now our prayers for all who are sick or hospitalized, the injured and the lonely. Grant that Your healing love be administered faithfully by the medical professionals and those who supply the needy in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** (spoken) **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, whose love was shown in His preaching and mighty works of healing, and ultimately on the cross of His glory. Now by faith and hope in Him, Your love

strengthens us to persevere to our future glory of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna, Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. You have shown us again what true love is, drawing us to Your love in giving us the body and blood of Your Son, which was given and shed for us on the cross

Hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

## **LORD'S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**All: 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.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“Jesus Loves me! This I Know” *LSB 588*

**Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong**

**Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so**

**Jesus loves me He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide  
He has washed away my sin  
Let His little child come in**



**Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
Yes, Jesus loves me  
The Bible tells me so**

(Please stand)

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

## **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## HYMN

“Beautiful Saviour” *LSB 537*

**Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,**

**Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky**

**Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

## **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you for your prayers**

Mary is doing much better. She is now able to talk.

Thank you, Frank Pignanelli

**BINGO!!** February 9<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm

## Kids Club donations

Collecting Men & Women WHITE socks to donate to a homeless shelter. Collection begins now until Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a box for WHITE SOCKS ONLY placed in the Narthex/Hallway.

### Quilters

Next Quilting: February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

### Attendance

Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 am 32

### Prayer List

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### Anniversary

Ken & Joyce Kosmalski – January 30<sup>th</sup>

### Birthdays

Linda Panich – January 30<sup>th</sup>

Robert Glover – February 1<sup>st</sup>

Carolyn Kimbrough – February 4<sup>th</sup>

Cameron Driscoll – February 5<sup>th</sup>

### For the Shut-Ins

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

*Mack Mayfield, at home*

*Carmell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at home*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

## For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

**Shelly Bodnar**, Niece of Linda Panich, Hospitalized for effects of radiations treatments

**Rosey & Angie**, Nancy Dajos neighbors, recovering from COVID

**Family of Dorothy Magy**, friend of Pam Benford, who was called to glory

**Meghan McHenry**, prayers for healing of her illness.

**Mary Farrarelli**, Frank Pignanelli's sister, hospitalized with stroke

**Kathy Crosby**, Glenn Cairns sister-in-law, down with covid

**Art Warren**, friend of Lori Wilson, surgery

**Shirley Ripke**, prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery and is at home, but needs our continued prayers

**Lynn Mayfield**, daughter of Mack Mayfield, with ruptured cervical discs, confined to a neck brace for another four weeks;

**Melvin Kimbrough**, Carolyn's husband, at home now with Carolyn, using her nursing skills to take care of him

**Jack Gurney**, Paul Utcai's Nephew, hospitalized;

**Kent James**, nephew of Linda Panich, has progressed wonderfully under the grace of God with only a small patch on his foot that may have to have a skin graft