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**THE  
SPIRITUALLY  
VIBRANT  
HOME**

**The Power of a LOUD TABLE**

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 29, 2023

## ✧ WELCOME TO WORSHIP ✧

We are glad you are here today! Please fill out our friendship book and come back to join us again. If you have children we'd encourage you to take a risk. Try sitting up front. We love having children in worship! Children also love to see the action. In the event your child becomes **overly** "restless" and begins to disturb either you or the people around you, we have a nursery available during worship services and the education hour. An usher can help you locate the nursery. **Thanks for being here!**

## ✧ REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION ✧

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

## DIVINE SERVICE — SETTING TWO (ADAPTED)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & THEME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

*stand*

OPENING HYMN

*“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”*

*LSB 592, vv. 1-3*

*sit*

HOLY BAPTISM OF LYDIA KATE MOULTON

INVOCATION

MARKED WITH THE SIGN OF JESUS

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** ... All of us share in this baptismal moment, testifying that we, too, are sinners in constant need of the forgiveness God gives to us through baptism. We pray,
- C** Heavenly Father, forgive us our sins and grant us Your grace.  
*A moment of silence for personal confession.*
- P** Jesus laid His life down and rose for you. In baptism, God washed away the guilt of your sin. Be assured that as you repent, you live in His gift of forgiveness and grace.
- C** Amen. Thanks be to God.

THE PROMISES OF LYDIA’S PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

THE PROMISES OF LYDIA’S FAITH FAMILY

- P** When a child is born again of water and the Spirit in Baptism, the challenging task of nurturing, molding, guiding, and admonishing begins. Will you, as members of Our Savior, do everything within your power to support Lydia and her family by providing a community of Christian nurture and care, a ministry where they can continue to grow in their faith, and by praying for Lydia as she learns how to walk and run in the faith?
- C** We will, with the help of God.

## THE SHARING OF OUR FAITH

- P** ...Do you believe in God the Father?
- C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P** Do you believe in God the Son?
- C** Yes, I believe 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.
- P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C** Yes, 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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** ...as we pray together the prayer Jesus gave us.
- C** 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.

## THE BAPTISM

## THE BLESSING

## THE BAPTISM PRAYER AND BLESSING

# † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

## THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God's Word from cover to cover;
- C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
- P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
- C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

## OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 23, *ESV*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

## Colossians 3:1-5a, 12-17

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature....

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

<sup>15</sup>Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*stand***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 14:13-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When Jesus heard what had happened, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed Him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick.

As evening approached, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to Me," He said. And He directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*sit Children's Message in A202 for children aged 3 through second grade. (Parents: Please keep your phone near you on vibrate so that we can contact you quietly if needed.)*

**SERMON HYMN***"For the Beauty of the Earth"**on screen*

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For Thy Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*(continued→)*

For Thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely given;  
 For that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

SERMON

*Spiritually Vibrant Homes - "The Power of a Loud Table"*

OFFERING *(See page 11 for offering information.)*

*stand*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

**P** Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C** His steadfast love endures forever.

*The prayer concludes:*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

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 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."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*sit*

DISTRIBUTION *(See page 3 for communion information.)*

LSB 397 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

LSB 821 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LSB 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

stand

**BENEDICTION**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”*

LSB 648

*We enter to worship; we exit to witness!*

**REGARDING THANK OFFERINGS**

*To our Guests* – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

*Offerings can be given in the following ways:*

- Place in the offering plate as it is passed down the pew.
- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
- Drop off or mail to the church office.
- Go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org) and click on “Give” at the top of the page.
- Give offerings/donate from your smart phone. Scan the QR code to access the online giving page.



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 Reader.....Ross Koehler