



“For we are His
workmanship,
created in
Christ Jesus
for good works,
which God prepared
beforehand,
that we should
walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10

Just as...I AM!

EPIPHANY 4 - SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY

January 27/28, 2024

WELCOME & THEME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

stand

OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790, vv. 1-4

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

sit

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, Maker and Father,

C Our sin, known and unknown, has made us and our world unrighteous altogether. We confess that we have abused Your blessings, neglected our neighbors, and served ourselves. Mercifully turn us from temptation and transgression to lament our frailties, repent our failures, and amend our behavior, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Substitute and Advocate.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ as your pastor, I speak His very words and forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790, v. 5

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
gladly forever adore Him!

✠ 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

Genesis 9:1-15

¹And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.

⁴"But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

⁶"Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it."

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:12-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

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.

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

SERMON HYMN "Just as I Am" LSB 570, vv. 1, 2, 5, & 6

SERMON "Just as ... I AM"

OFFERING *(See page 8 for offering information.)*

HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" LSB 832

stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - *after each petition:*

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayer continues:

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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, 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.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE *(We come to the altar at peace with one another.)*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION *(See page 8 for communion information.)*

LSB 761 “Rock of Ages”

LSB 725 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 744 “Amazing Grace”

stand

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

LSB 740

P We enter to worship

C We exit to witness.

✠ TO GOD BE THE GLORY ✠

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✧ 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.*

✧ REGARDING THANK OFFERING ✧

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 during worship.
- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit.
- Drop off or mail to the church office.
- Go to oursaviorbett.org and click on "Give" at the top of the page.
- Scan the QR code to give offerings/donate from your smart phone



✧ THOSE SERVING THIS MORNING ✧

Preacher	Rev. Michael Salemink
Lead Pastor/Liturgist	Rev. Keith Piotter
Pastor/Liturgist	Rev. Gary Timm
Organist	Jean Baker
Acolyte (5:00/8:00)	Jonathan Fritz/Ben Hawk
Projectionist/Sound Tech (5:00)	Katie Hansen
Reader (8:00)	Barb Ehrmann
Children's Message (8:00)	Jennifer Bullock

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