

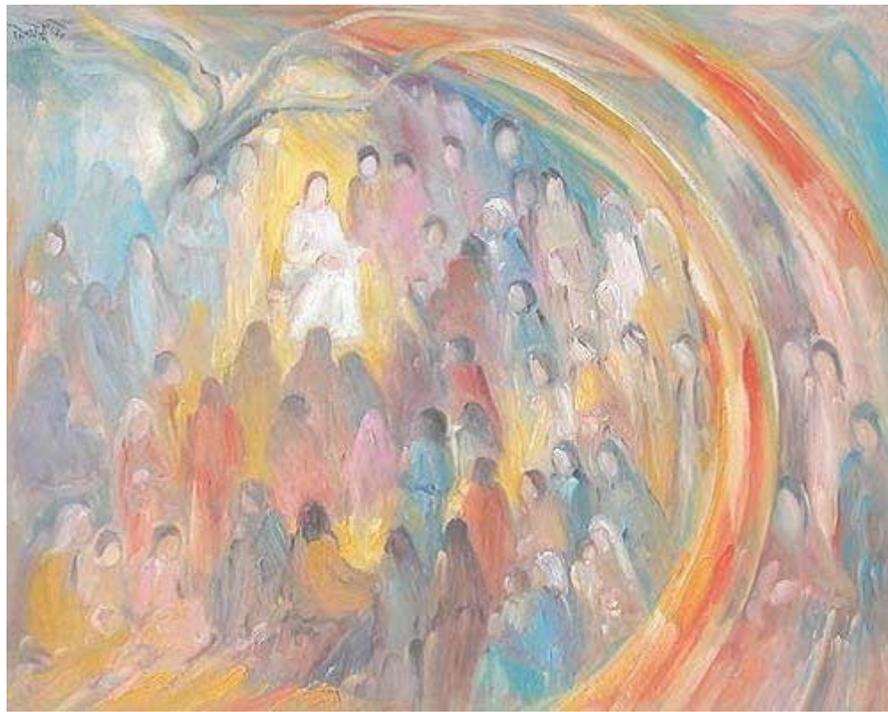
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 29, 2023 (Setting 4)

Therefore be bodily and outwardly poor or rich, as may be your lot, God does not ask about that; and he knows that every one must be before God, that is spiritually and in his heart, poor; that is, not to place his confidence, comfort and assurance in temporal possessions, nor fix his heart upon them and make mammon his idol. David was an excellent king and had indeed his purse and his chest full of money, his barns full of grain, the country full of all sorts of goods and stores; yet along with this he had to be spiritually a poor beggar, as he sings about himself: "I am poor, and a stranger in the land, as all my fathers were." Notice, the king who sits in the midst of such possessions, a lord over land and people, dare not call himself anything else than a stranger or a pilgrim who goes upon the highway and has no place where he can abide. That means a heart that does not cling to property and riches; but, although it has, yet it is as though it had not, as St. Paul boasts of the Corinthians, 2 Corinthians 6:10: "As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things."

The meaning of all that has been said is that one is to use all temporal good and bodily necessities, whilst he lives here, not otherwise than as a stranger in a strange place, where he spends the night and leaves in the morning. He needs no more than food and lodging, and dare not say: "This is mine, here will I stay nor dare he take possession of the property as tho' of right it belonged to him; else he would soon hear the host say to him:

"Friend, do you not know that you are a stranger guest here? Go your way, where you belong." Just so here; that you have worldly goods, that is the gift of God to you for this life, and he allows you indeed to make use of it and to fill with it the worm-bag that you wear about your neck; but not that you fix and hang your heart upon it as though you were to live forever; but you are to be always going farther and thinking about another higher and better treasure that is your own and is to endure forever.

—Martin Luther, *Sermon on the Beatitudes*



### Welcome

We are thankful you have joined us today!

### Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 1:6]

☞ For the LORD knows  
the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

☞ **Blessed is the man who walks  
not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

**He is like a tree planted by streams of  
water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.**

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the  
wind drives away.

**Therefore, the wicked will not  
stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation  
of the righteous.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

For the LORD knows  
the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

### Hymn

Hope of the World | 690  
*Sung to the tune Morning Star, LSB 400*

*Please stand.*

### Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and  
of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

[Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

Our help is in the name of the Lord, **who  
made heaven and earth.** [Psalm 124:8]

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord,  
who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.** [Psalm 130:3-4]

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call  
upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive  
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
in the fellowship of this altar, let us first  
consider our unworthiness and confess before  
God and one another that we have sinned in  
thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot  
free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge  
in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly  
Father, seeking His grace for the sake of  
Christ, and saying God, be merciful to me, a  
sinner. [Luke 18:13]

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son  
to die for you and for His sake forgives you  
all your sins. As a called and ordained servant  
of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the  
Father and of the + Son and of the Holy  
Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

### Lord, Have Mercy

[Mark 10:47]

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Glory to God in the Highest

[Luke 2:4; John 1:29, Setting IV]

1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** [1Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray... [silence for individual prayer] Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand Upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Micah.

**H**ear what the LORD says:  
 Arise, plead your case before the mountains,  
 and let the hills hear your voice.  
 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD,  
 and you enduring foundations of the earth,  
 for the LORD has an indictment against his people,  
 and he will contend with Israel.  
 "O my people, what have I done to you?  
 How have I wearied you? Answer me!  
 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.  
 O my people, remember what Balak king of  
 Moab devised,  
 and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him,  
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD."

"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?

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?"

He has told you, O man, 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? [Micah 6:1-8]

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

The Epistle Reading is from First Corinthians.

**F**or the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,  
 but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it  
 is written,

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
 and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."*

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where  
 is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the  
 wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God,  
 the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased  
 God through the folly of what we preach to save those who  
 believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but  
 we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and  
 folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and  
 Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weak-  
 ness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise  
 according to worldly standards, not many were powerful,  
 not many were of noble birth. 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; God chose what is low and  
 despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to  
 nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast  
 in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ  
 Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness  
 and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written,  
 "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." [1 Cor 1:18-31]

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

*Please stand to greet the Gospel reading singing the Alleluia verse.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

### Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

[Matt 5:1-12]

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

### Children’s Talk

*Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today’s Scripture readings led by Pastor Riordan.*

### Hymn

Son of God, Eternal Savior | **842**

### Sermon

### Thanksgiving for Those Who Serve

*see insert*

### Our Confession of Faith

*Please stand to confess the **Apostles’ Creed** printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

### Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert*

### Announcements/Gathering of Offering

In Person | Mail to Church | Bank Bill Pay

*Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:*



### Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own | **781**

### Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

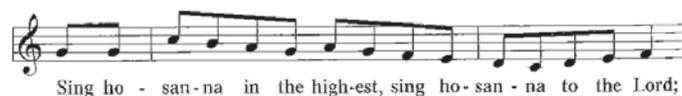
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

### The Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



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.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.** [Matt 6:9-13]

### The Words of Our Lord

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 is My + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

[Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

### Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

### Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

*The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing.*

*The pastor will bring the gifts to you in your seat, please inform an usher or the pastor as needed*

### Hymns

### Choir Chimes

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise | **394**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory | **427**

*When all have communed, please stand.*

### Song of Simeon—Post Communion Song

[Luke 2:29-32]

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Benediction

[Psalm 103:1; Numbers 6:24-26]

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you + peace. **Amen.**

### Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer | **918**

### Postlude

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