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January 30, 2022 at 9:30 am
HOLY COMMUNION
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Jason Krug

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

ELW #715

***KYRIE (Spoken)**

(ELW p. 203, setting 10)

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

“Glory Be to God”

(ELW p. 204, setting 10)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING:

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 5 “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.”

6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” 7 But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (Sung Responsively)

PSALM 71: 1-6

(Psalms begin on p. 339 ELW)

¹In you, O LORD, have I ¹taken refuge; let me never be ¹put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and ¹set me free; incline your ear to ¹me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to ¹keep me safe; you are my crag ¹and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand ¹of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and ¹the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, ¹O Lord GOD, my confidence since ¹I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have ¹been my strength; my praise shall be al- ¹ways of you.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² 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 do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 205, setting 10)

The holy gospel according to Luke 4:21-30. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

* GOSPEL READING

LUKE 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*HYMN OF THE DAY *“Although I Speak with Angel’s Tongue”*

ELW #644

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

(ELW p. 105)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so, we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

A: Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: We thank you for your people at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Send your Holy Spirit to make known your presence and your will for us today and in the days to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

A: We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your never-ending love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

OFFERING

“Without Love” (from 1 Corinthians 13)

John Ylvisaker

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

(ELW p. 112 right side)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God’s table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

(Receive communion *“the body of Christ given for you”* & *“the blood of Christ shed for you”*)

COMMUNION

“Lamb of God”

(ELW p. 208, setting 10)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

ELW #542

*DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE

Participants

Presider	Pastor Rita Augsburger
Guest Preacher	Pastor Dick Wehrs
Assisting Minister	Isaac Ford
Coordinator of Music and Technology/Organist & Bells	Rick Strine
Chancel Choir and Band Director	Milt Scott
Audio/Visual	Mike Reynolds & family / Dan Lynch
	Jeremy Hahn
Greeters	John & Lin Malachowski / Kris Sites
Check-In	Donna Donahue / Jean Mikels
Money Counters	Bob & Judy Carney / Mike Corley
Flowers	The Family of Bruce & Val Grohne in memory of their parents

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews & family, Scott Binion and Freda Taylor

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