



St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Saturday, January 28 & Sunday, January 29th, 2023

All are welcome at St. Mary's!

- Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.
- Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ☩ Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Hymn #729 "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 149 "This is the Feast")

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your
kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a
hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for
peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SIT

WORD

Pew Bible Page

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

(pg. 757)

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a
lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving
acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor.
Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk
shrewdly in God's service.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(pgs. 926-927)

*According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross
seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has
chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering.
Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia" (ELW p. 151)

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

(pgs. 785-786)

The holy gospel according Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in
the reign of God.*

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SIT

KIDS CONNECTION (SUN)

SERMON

STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn #720 "We Are Called"

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your
wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

ADULT CHOIR

"We Will Walk in the Name of the Lord"

CARL F. MUELLER

We will walk in the name of the Lord,

We will walk in the name of the Lord our God,

In the name of our God, of the Lord our God forever and ever.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good;

and what doth the Lord require of thee,

but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

OFFERING Hymn #719 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,

and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

ACCLAMATION AND AMEN

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (ELW p. 153)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the

remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.
Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.
All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Come and taste the joy of God!
SIT
COMMUNION
COMMUNION SONG “Lamb of God” (ELW p. 154)
DISTRIBUTION HYMN
Hymn #754 “Jesus, The Very Thought of You”

STAND
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
Amen.
SENDING OF COMMUNION
Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care:
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist
those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with
those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love
and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this
sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence
through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.
BLESSING
The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor’s rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.
SENDING SONG Hymn #551 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth”
DISMISSAL
We are God's People.
Followers of Jesus Christ.
Gifted by the Spirit.
Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
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THIS WEEKEND’S WORSHIP LEADERS
INTERIM PASTOR: Pastor Kathy Brown
SOUND/VIDEO: Kristofer Twadell, SMLC Technician
ASSISTING MINISTER: Dana Larsen

SATURDAY
PIANO: Laurel Borter
READER: Lisa Zanin
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Pat Gallo, Todd Woller
USHERS: Bob VanBendegom, Dale Brandes, Sandy Benson
HOSPITALITY: The VanBendegoms, Lana Woller, and/or
Sandy Benson

SUNDAY
ORGAN: Deb Black
READER: Kathy Basler
KIDS CONNECTION: Dana Larsen
ADULT CHOIR: Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma, Director;
Deb Black, Accompanist
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kay Manderfeld, Sandy Bear,
Steve Hartfield
GREETER: Anne Winkle
USHERS: Gary Rice, Ralph Tollas, Carole Scotese, Dave
Raszkievicz, Dan Neururer and/or Doug Derginer
HOSPITALITY: Carol Shadduck, Judy Reynolds

*This weekend’s altar flowers are given to the Glory
of God & in honor of:
Lectern side: Members of Congress
Altar Centerpiece: Members of the Supreme Court
Pulpit side: The U.S. President*



*We express our sympathies to the family of Ann
Campolo, who passed away on January 20th.
Kenosha Funeral Services is providing care and a
service is set for Monday, January 30th at Noon
there. May she rest in peace with the Lord she loved
so dearly.*

*We welcome our fresh from heaven beloved child,
Anja Marie Chumbler
Born on 1/25/2023.
She is the daughter of Sarah and Evan Chumbler and
Granddaughter of Deb & Jerry Black*



*And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8*