

Feast of Victory Lutheran Church  
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Sunday, January 28, 2024  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Holy Communion

**PREACHING/PRESIDING MINISTER, PASTOR HALEY VAY BEAMAN  
ASSISTING MINISTER, CHRISTY PAWLOSKI  
MUSICIAN, MARGARET VANDENBERGE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRELUDE**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD, ELW 617

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

## 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 LIGHT DAWNS ON A WEARY WORLD, ELW 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 111

*The psalm is read responsively. The congregation reads the verses in bold print.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with **l** my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the **l** congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your **l** works, O Lord, pondered by all who de- **l** light in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor **l** mark your deeds, and your righteousness en- **l** dures 6

forever.

**<sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

**<sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have

become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



# GOSPEL

The gospel for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany is from the gospel according to St. Mark.

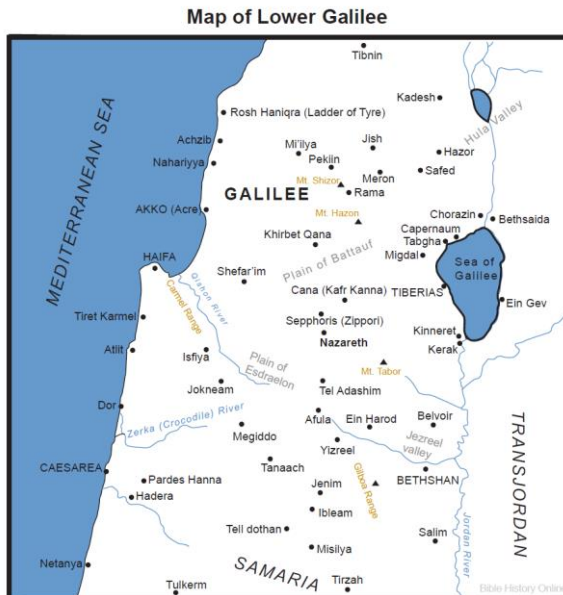
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

**-- Mark 1:21-28**

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

## SERMON – PASTOR HALEY VAY BEAMAN



## HYMN OF THE DAY: THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD, ELW 614

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

## 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

After each petition, the words "God of mercy" are said. The congregation responds to these words by saying "**Receive our prayer.**"

## SHARING THE PEACE

*Mindful of an increase in the spread of respiratory illness this season, you are invited to share a sign of peace from where you are at your seat.*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERING

### Noisy Offering:

*Supports: Community Need Fund & Christ-Sudanese Mission Support*

### Pennies from Heaven:

*Supports: ELCA World Hunger*

## OFFERING MUSIC

### OFFERTORY:

#### LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

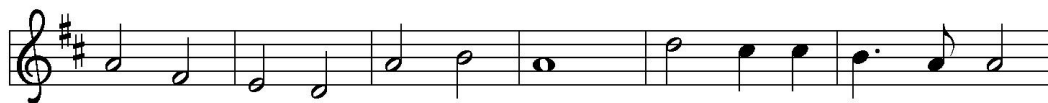
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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**

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

## DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to the table where we receive Christ's Real Presence. Please follow the directions of ushers and pastor for coming to the altar. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest so the pastor will know. Gluten-free wafers are available, and you may indicate your preference to the pastor when you come forward. Red wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. As you return to your seat, you will find a small basket on the table in which to place your empty cup.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the




sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN:  
HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, ELW 612**


*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Giver of every gift,  
 Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
 Raise us to life by your power  
 for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
 now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**



## SENDING HYMN: SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING, ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Shine the light of Jesus!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY:** If you are a guest, please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshipping with us today!

**WORSHIP NOTES:** We are grateful for your presence with us, either in-person or by Zoom, and your commitment to worship God and partake of the Holy Supper. Masks are available but no longer required. Thanks!

You can watch recordings of worship on our website: [www.feastofvictory.org](http://www.feastofvictory.org)

You may use our free Wi-Fi network from the parking lot during the week. Our Wi-Fi network name is 'fov(space)guest'; the password 'is also fov(space)guest'.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Infants and children are welcome at the table and will receive a blessing. Please let the pastor know if you need gluten-free bread, and if for any reason you cannot receive wine, grape juice (white) is available.

If you are one of our "Zoomies", please let us know when you need more packets of communion elements from the church. If you are unable to attend worship and would like a visit, or to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jean Friday (231-631-2974) or the church office (231-938-1070) and we will arrange it.

**FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:** Special time has been set aside after the service for coffee, juice, treats and conversation. Please plan to make this part of your Sunday morning activities and stay in touch with your "Feast Family". Our Zoomies often have fellowship after the worship service with coffee and conversation, too. You are invited to participate in these important human connections!

**NURSERY AVAILABLE:** We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Haley Vay Beaman  
**Assisting Minister:** Christy Pawloski  
**Musician:** Margaret VanDenBerge  
**Reader:** Jon Stinson  
**Greeters:** Denny & Lori Bartz  
**Ushers:** Denny & Lori Bartz  
**Communion:** Dale Claudepierre  
**Zoom Operator:** Dale Claudepierre  
**Coffee Host:** Dale Claudepierre & Melynda Bagley  
**Counter:** Jean Friday

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