

# **The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Saturday – January 30, 2021 – 5:30 pm. Worship

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# † Call to Worship †

## Hymn # 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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### Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

### Invocation

*LSB 203 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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

**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 203 Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise 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.

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 203*

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

### Absolution

*LSB 203 [John 20:19–23]*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## † Service of the Word †

### Psalms 35:1-10

**P** <sup>1</sup>Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me;  
**C** **fight against those who fight against me!**  
**P** <sup>2</sup>Take hold of shield and buckler  
**C** **and rise for my help!**  
**P** <sup>3</sup>Draw the spear and javelin  
against my pursuers!  
**C** **Say to my soul,**  
**“I am your salvation!”**  
**P** <sup>4</sup>Let them be put to shame and dishonor  
who seek after my life!  
**C** **Let them be turned back and disappointed**  
**who devise evil against me!**  
**P** <sup>5</sup>Let them be like chaff before the wind,  
**C** **with the angel of the LORD driving them away!**  
**P** <sup>6</sup>Let their way be dark and slippery,  
**C** **with the angel of the LORD pursuing them!**  
**P** <sup>7</sup>For without cause they hid their net for me;  
**C** **without cause they dug a pit for my life.**  
**P** <sup>8</sup>Let destruction come upon him when he does not know it!  
And let the net that he hid ensnare him;  
**C** **let him fall into it—to his destruction!**  
**P** <sup>9</sup>Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD,  
**C** **exulting in his salvation.**  
**P** <sup>10</sup>All my bones shall say,  
**C** **“O LORD, who is like you,**  
**P** **delivering the poor**  
from him who is too strong for him,  
**C** **the poor and needy from him who robs him?”**  
**All** **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.**

### Kyrie

*Mark 10:47 LSB 204*



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 204



**C** 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-shipped 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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘**They are right in what they have spoken.**’<sup>18</sup>**I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.**’<sup>19</sup>**And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.**

<sup>20</sup>**But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”**

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “*all of us possess knowledge.*” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “*an idol has no real existence,*” and that “*there is no God but one.*” <sup>5</sup>For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed 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>However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>Food will not commend us 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 right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup>And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup>Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 205 John 20:31*

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

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

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

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

### Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.

<sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>*“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 out with a loud voice, came out of him.

<sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, *“What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”*

<sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

# Hymn # 533 "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er,  
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!

Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,

God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;

O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
 Brings forth the pris - ers tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!

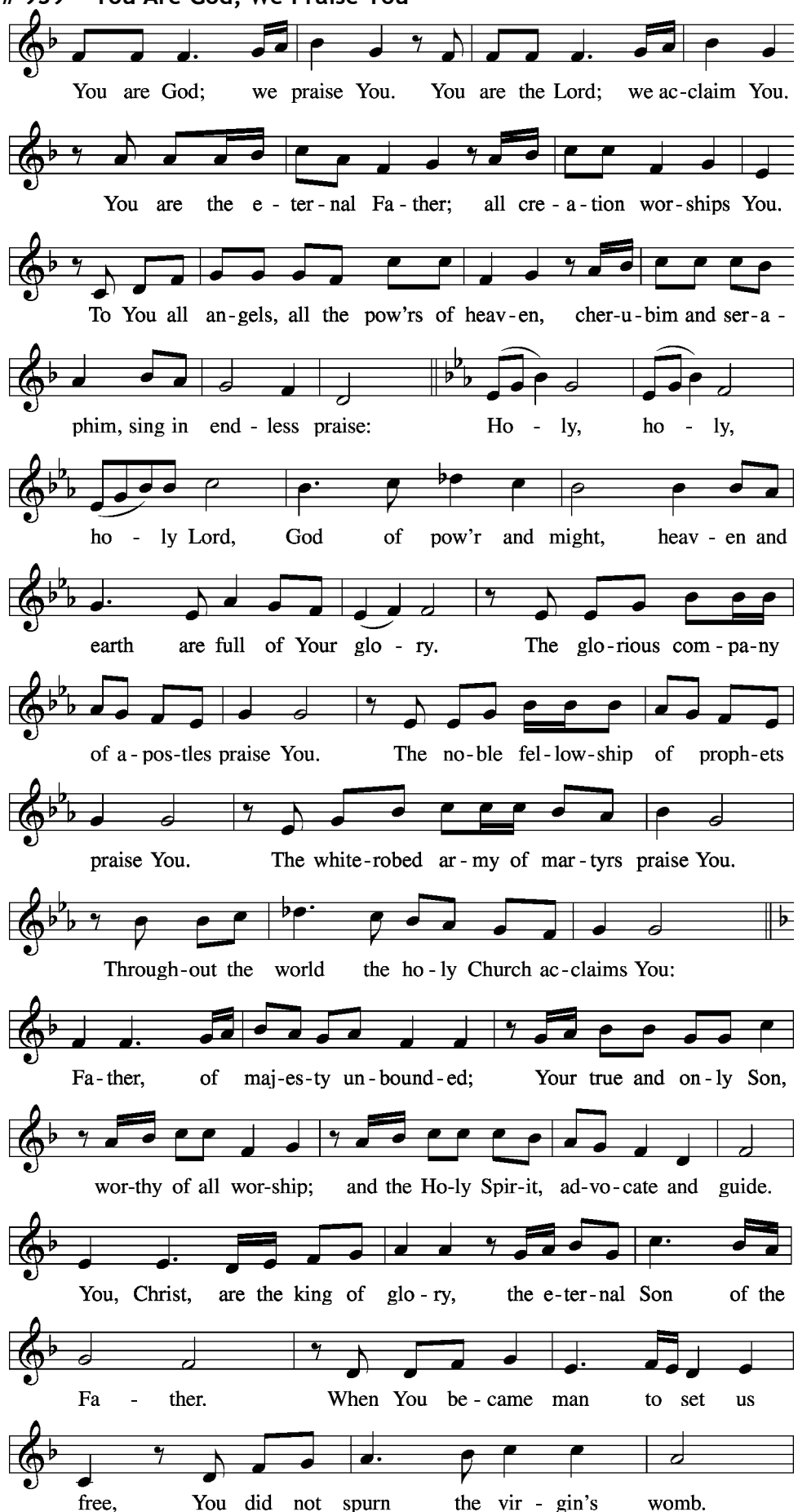
Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!

Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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Sermon "Truth, Dispelling Deception" Mark 1:21-28

# Hymn # 939 "You Are God; We Praise You"



You are God; we praise You. You are the Lord; we ac-claim You.

You are the e - ter - nal Fa - ther; all cre - a - tion wor-ships You.

To You all an-gels, all the pow'rs of heav-en, cher-u-bim and ser-a -

phim, sing in end - less praise: Ho - ly, ho - ly,

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

earth are full of Your glo - ry. The glo-rious com - pa-ny

of a - pos-tles praise You. The no-ble fel-low-ship of proph-ets

praise You. The white-robed ar - my of mar - tyrs praise You.

Through-out the world the ho - ly Church ac-claims You:

Fa - ther, of maj-es-ty un - bound - ed; Your true and on - ly Son,

wor-thy of all wor-ship; and the Ho-ly Spir-it, ad-vo-cate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glo - ry, the e-ter-nal Son of the

Fa - ther. When You be - came man to set us

free, You did not spurn the vir - gin's womb.

You o-ver - came the sting of death and o - pened the  
king-dom of heav-en to all be - liev-ers. You are seat - ed at  
God's right hand in glo - ry. We be - lieve that You will  
come and be our judge. Come, then, Lord, and  
help Your peo - ple, bought with the price of Your own blood, and  
bring us with Your saints to glo - ry ev - er - last - ing.

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*Sit*

## Prayer of the Church

### Responses:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

### Final Petition:

- P** Hear us Father for we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, our brother, born for us, risen for us, and returning for us; who has taught us to pray,

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 209 Matthew 6:9–13*

- 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.

## Benediction

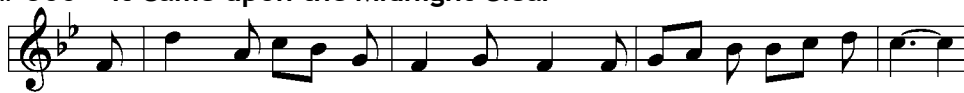
*LSB 212*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.



## Hymn # 366 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"



1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,  
 3 All you, be-neath your heav-y load, By care and guilt bent low,  
 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By proph-ets seen of old,



From an-gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats O'er all the wea-ry world.  
 Who toil a-long a drea-ry way With pain-ful steps and slow:  
 When down in-to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore-told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king."  
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing,  
 Look up, for gold-en is the hour, Come swift-ly on the wing,  
 His word of peace shall to the earth God's an-cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an-gels sing.  
 And ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds The bless-ed an-gels sing.  
 The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an-gels sing.  
 And all who take this gift will hear The song the an-gels sing.

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