

## Sunday, January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | Lectionary 4, Year A



*Who Are the Blessed Ones of God?*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 15

- L: LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- C: **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**
- L: they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
- L: **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
- C: They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### HYMN: *Gather Us In*

**ELW# 532** vss 1,2,3

- Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.**
- Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

**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.**

### CHILDREN'S WORD

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“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? <sup>7</sup>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?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, 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?

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: MATTHEW 5:1-12

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: *Pastor Julie Rogness*

HYMN: *Blest Are They*

**ELW# 728** vss 1,3,4

1 **Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.**

*Refrain* **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

3 **Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. *Refrain***

4 **Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain***

## 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 — SHARING OF PEACE

### OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God,

**C: 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.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD'S PRAYER – INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN *O God of Mercy, God of Light*

**ELW# 714** vss. 1,2,5,6

1 **O God of mercy, God of light, in love and mercy infinite,  
Teach us as every in your sight, to live our lives in you.**

2 **You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost world might hear your call;  
Oh, hear us lest we stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.**

5 **In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there, give help as though to you.**

6 **And may your Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above all those who live in you.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

BENEDICTION

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Praise to You O God of Mercy*

**ELW# 208**

1 **Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!**

2 **From of old you loved and sought us:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
thanks be to you forever!**

*Bridge* **Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

3 **Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
thanks be to you forever!  
Thanks be to you forever!**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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## PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Julie Rogness                      INTERN—Kris Kincaid                      ASSISTANT—Patricia Hoffman & Barb Groth  
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## CALENDAR

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Sun/JAN 29	9 AM	WORSHIP w/Communion - In Person & Live-Streamed <i>Followed by ANNUAL MEETING</i>
	10 AM	Sunday School
	7 PM	AA
Wed/FEB 1	6 PM	WED WORSHIP
	6:30 PM	Confirmation
Thu/FEB 2	7 PM	AA
Sun/FEB 5	9 AM	WORSHIP w/Communion - In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	7 PM	AA

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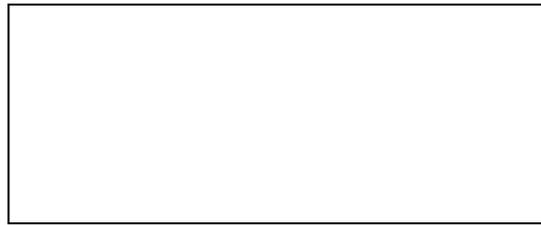
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**SIP AND PAINT, February 26th (*Date Change*)**  
**4-6 pm, Fellowship Hall Sunday, \$30.00 per person,**  
**to be paid on or before Sunday, February 19th.**  
This event is for ages 21 years and older. Sign up required.

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