

January 31, 2021

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from Augustana & First Lutheran

Worship broadcast via radio and YouTube. YouTube links found on:

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PRELUDE

MEGHAN STRINGER

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation...The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever. (Psalm 111:1,10)

GATHERING HYMN

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

ELW #520, vv. 1,4

Dear - est Je - sus, at your word, we have come a -
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4;
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.
Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1695–1672

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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.**

KYRIE

p. 184 Congregation sings the refrain

Refrain S 184

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Pause for silent reflection.

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

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

p.187

Refrain S 187

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KRISTY WICKLUND

READING: PSALM 111:2-9

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and their righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. Here ends the reading: **Thanks be to God.**

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

GOSPEL: MARK 1:21-28

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, 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." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 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." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

"An Authority You Can Trust

REV. DAVID STROM

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELW #311, vv. 1,2

Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,

Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to

free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are

rule in eq - ui - ty.
pre - cious in your sight.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Music: Leonhart Schröter, 1540-1602

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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

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Pause for silent prayer.

For all who share the gospel and proclaim freedom in Christ throughout the world: prophets, teachers, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders; for the church and its ministries, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For government and leaders: cities and nations, rescue professionals and legal aid attorneys, elected officials and grassroots organizers; for all responsible for the well-being of civil society, let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit: those who are sick and hospitalized, those battling or recovering from Co-vid, those living with HIV/AIDS, those struggling with mental illness, those who are hungry or homeless, and all in any need; for caregivers, hospice workers, and home health aides, let us pray: **Have mercy, O God.**

For the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries; for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

WORSHIP & PRAISE #41

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

COMMUNION

This is the Lord's Table, all are welcome here. In your home is an ordinary table now set apart and holy, Christ is present there. All are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper, wherever you may be.

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, throughout the generations you have come to be present with us at our tables, turning ordinary meals into holy moments for us to experience your grace in tangible ways. In an upper room of a guest house in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The body of Christ given for you. *(all share in eating the bread)*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The blood of Christ shed for you. *(all sharing in drinking of the cup)*

Together as the body of Christ, trusting that the distance that separates us is bridged by the Holy Spirit who makes us one, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Come to the Table"

ELW #481

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942
Music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

COME TO THE TABLE
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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.

BLESSING

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN**“Son of God, Eternal Savior”**

ELW #655, vv. 1,3

Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932
Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**MEGHAN STRINGER**

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FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2021
Church phone number 739-3348 and email office@flcff.org

The flowers on the altar are given by Karen Schneck from Augustana Lutheran Church in memory of Dave Schneck.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Neil & Madeline Herman with thanks to the First Lutheran staff and council.

We celebrate the baptism of Oaklynn Reign Mitchell. Oaklynn was baptized on January 30, 2021 at First Lutheran.

Pay it Forward Drive-Thru Meal from the American Legion is today Sunday, January 31 from 10:45 am until the food is gone. Menu is ham, cheesy potatoes and a dinner roll. Even if you didn't make a reservation, you can drive through to see if there is a meal available – we ordered lots of meals!!! You may make a contribution for your meal, or pay it forward for someone else, but a contribution is not required. Thank you to the Discipleship and Fellowship Committees are coordinating this event. Also, drive-through Communion will be offered during meal pick-up.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom today, January 31, 2021 at 12:30 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4955651151> Meeting ID: 495 565 1151

Today, January 31 FLY 10-12 Zoom Game Day 2:30 to 3:30 pm and FLY 7-9 Zoom Game Day 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

In-Person Worship begins February 7. Maximum number allowed at this time is 50, and pre-registration is required. If you are interested in attending worship, contact the office at 739-3348 Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or sign-up on church website. Worship will continue to be combined with Augustana, and will be broadcast on the radio and YouTube.

The church building will be open again during office hours, M-Th, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm beginning February 8th.

Reminder of In-Person Worship Plan Requirements:

- No coffee, food or congregating before or after the service inside the building.
- Masks will be worn over the nose and mouth by everyone aged 5 and above (also recommended for those ages 2-5). Worship Leaders may remove their mask while speaking or solo singing.
- Attendees must maintain a physical distance of at least six feet between each person/household. Pews will be clearly marked to support social distancing.
- Attendees will not sing or speak hymns/responses. Hymnals and other items are removed from the sanctuary.
- Following the service, worshipers will follow ushers' direction exiting by the side aisles, maintaining physical distancing, and proceeding directly out of the building.

Coming up this week:

- Monday, February 1 at 12:00 pm Executive Committee via Zoom.
 - Tuesday, February 2 at 4:00 pm Worship Committee via Zoom.
 - Tuesday, February 2 at 5:30 pm Discipleship Committee via Zoom.
 - Wednesday, February 3 at 12:15 pm FIT team meets Kairos Room.
 - Wednesday, February 3 from 3:00 to 5:45 pm Pick Up of Sunday School materials under the canopy.
 - Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30 pm Confirmation for 7th and 8th graders via Zoom.
- Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9211192389> Meeting ID: 921 119 2389

Luther Crest - The First Lutheran Foundation has agreed to provide matching dollars to attend Luther Crest. This is an incredible opportunity to attend camp at a very low price! Here is what the foundation will pay for Luther Crest Camps: (The rest of the balance is your responsibility – However, if you have financial need, please speak with me!)

On Site Day Camp - \$60; Explorers - \$70; Seekers - \$200; Leapers - \$300; Critters - \$300; Any other Luther Crest Camps for other grades: \$300. **The early bird registration ends on Valentine's day (Feb 14th)** – so get your registration in by then to save an average of \$100 and for best week selection! Deposit due when you register. Registration information can be found at www.luthercrest.org. Important: To get these dollars applied to your camp registration, you need to notify the church office before April 25 and give the church office proof of your registration. This can be as simple as emailing a copy of your registration to calie@flcff.org. Thank you to the First Lutheran Foundation!

Financial Update: As of January 25, 2021, year-to-date revenue: \$24,099, year-to-date budget \$40,548, last year: \$31,551.