

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28, 2024 - 8:00 am & 10:30 am


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Our Mission: Share Christ † Serve Others



*This weak person is . . .
the brother for whom Christ died*

1 Corinthians 8:11



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WELCOME — We would like to extend a cordial welcome in our Lord's name to all who worship with us at Pacific Hills. We greet our guests with the love and peace of Jesus and pray that our sharing of God's Word will enrich your faith and life in Christ.

PARISH INFORMATION — Anyone who would like more information about Pacific Hills may speak to an usher, visit with a greeter in the welcome area or call the church office. You may also read about our ministries by going to our church's website. While there you can also read our weekly newsletter, "The Pacific Hills Messenger". To subscribe to our newsletter, send your e-mail to: KimKielty@PacificHillsLutheran.org

NURSERY — Children are always welcome in worship! If a parent or guardian needs to step out with a child, a nursery is available in Room 112.

HEARING ASSIST UNITS — Hearing assist units are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PHONES — We thank you for silencing your mobile device or turning it off during worship.

WORSHIP CARDS — We kindly ask our guests and members to please complete a Worship Card located in the hymnal rack. The cards will be received by the ushers during the worship service. You may request a prayer or lift up a name by writing in on the back of the card. First names will be read during the parish prayers.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF OUR LORD

We invite those who share with us in the fellowship of faith to come to the Lord's altar and receive, in the Holy Communion, the very body and blood of Jesus. Our Lord Jesus has given us His Holy Supper so that we might receive into our very lives His body and blood, under the elements of bread and wine, for the remission of our sins and thereby know in a physical, tangible way that we are forgiven and have eternal life through faith in Him.

Each who comes to the Table of our Lord should:

- ◆ Be a Baptized Child of God;
- ◆ Have received scriptural instruction in Christ's means of meeting us in this Sacrament;
- ◆ Examine themselves by confessing their sins to God;
 - a. 1 Corinthians 11:26-29
 - b. Lutheran Service Book, p. 329
- ◆ Believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord from sin and death and who delivers us from the power of the devil;
- ◆ Desire the Holy Spirit's power to turn away from sin and live a Christ-like life;
- ◆ Recognize the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood (under the elements of bread and wine) for the forgiveness of sins.

If you are uncertain or have questions concerning your participation, please ask to speak with an elder, our pastor or an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Alcohol-removed wine is in the center of the tray. Children and adults desiring to receive a blessing should cross their arms while at the communion rail.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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Divine Service

Setting One

About the Cover: Paul shows us that our life of freedom resulting from the Gospel does not entail an individualistic freedom to trample upon the weaker brother. Sometimes, freedom means abstaining from what is permitted for the sake of the broader family of faith. We have a Lord who willingly gave His own life on the cross for our sake and our brothers and sisters in the faith in order to save us from our sins.

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

[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.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Opening Hymn

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



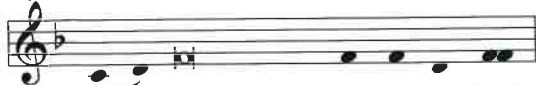
glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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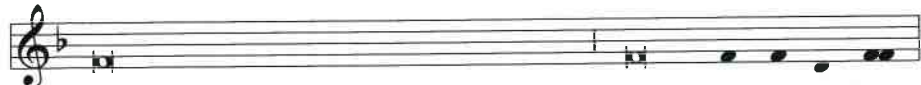
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.




C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

¹⁵“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—¹⁶just 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.’¹⁷And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸I 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.¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰But 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.

Worship Cards are collected at this time.



¹Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

²**Great are the works | of the LORD,***
studied by all who de- | light in them.

³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;***
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

⁶**He has shown his people the power | of his works,***
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

⁸**they are established forever and | ever,***
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;**
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

Stand

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be - | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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

⁴Therefore, 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.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet 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.

⁷However, 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. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For 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? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, 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

John 6:68

C 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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21–28

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Sermon

Victory Over the Devil
Seminarian Andrew Aulner
Mark 1:21-28

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church - Prayer lists are available in the narthex.

Sit

Offering

Be Thou My Vision

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



☩ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to

me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
 va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

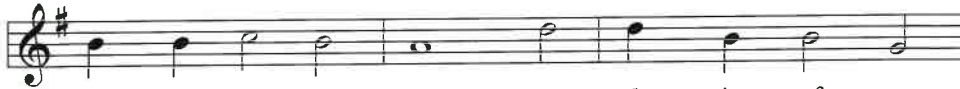
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Distribution Hymn

528 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
sets the pris - ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Distribution Hymn

825 Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Stand

The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✝ in peace.


C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



C Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -




pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Closing Hymn

696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

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Postlude/Silent Prayer

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 4, 2024 - 8:00am & 10:30 Services

Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 1:29-39

Hymns

LSB 790
LSB 620
LSB 543
LSB 621
LSB 664

Sermon

Jesus Comes Today with Healing
Mark 1:29-39

This Week at Pacific Hills

Sunday

January 28

8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
Sunday School
Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
10:30 am Eucharistic Worship with Choir
11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
6:30 pm Youth Group (Aulner's House)

Monday

January 29

7:00 pm Adult Confirmation Class (Room 115)

Tuesday

January 30

7:00 pm Pray, Knit, Crochet (Narthex)

Wednesday

January 31

9:30 am Devotional (Zoom)
12:30 pm First Ladies AA Meeting (Rm 114)
6:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class
6:30 pm Women's Group (Narthex)

Thursday
February 1 6:30 pm Tai Chi (Acker Hall)

Sunday
February 4 8:00 am Eucharistic Worship
 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal
 Sunday School
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11:45 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

Please join Pastor Bryan between services for a Study on the Lessons of the Day. Class meets in Acker Hall. All are welcome!

Dr. Bob Vandervort and the Bible study group are studying the Books of Jude & 2 Peter via Zoom every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Please e-mail Bob at rsvod@cox.net or call 402-350-0872 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

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Our Record of Response:
Sunday, January 21, 2024

Attendance: 95 Giving: \$6,880.00 YTD Giving*: \$15,446.00

* YTD Giving includes envelope offerings, e-offerings & capital fund contributions

Today's Service

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Creed	Apostles' Creed
Distribution Hymn	LSB 525 <i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> LSB 825 <i>Rise, Shine, You People</i>
Closing Hymn	LSB 696 <i>O God, My Faithful God</i>

Presiding/Assisting This Day

Preaching & Presiding.....	Rev. Bryan Drebes
Organist	Zach Hastings
Artist.....	Michelle Steen
Acolyte	8:00 am
	10:30 am Adelyn Vogel
Head Usher.....	8:00 am Mark Stastny
	10:30 am Bill Wagner
Head Elder.....	8:00 am Matt Troutman
	Bill Wagner, Assist
	10:30 am Dan Irvin
	Bob Glissmann, Assist
Lector.....	8:00 am
	10:30 am Kay Storck
Communion Steward.....	8:00 am Marlene Hawver
	10:30 am Kay Storck & Regina Marohn
	Sue Hunter

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Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mark Stastny in celebration of JoAnn's birthday and many blessings received.

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