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# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## JANUARY 30 & 31, 2021

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### ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

Hymn

*Rise, Shine, You People*

LSB 825



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

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

**C** Amen.

**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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

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

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Kyrie 

LSB 204

**C** *Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

Gloria In Excelsis

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 - shiped 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>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

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## 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>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.

## Apostles' Creed

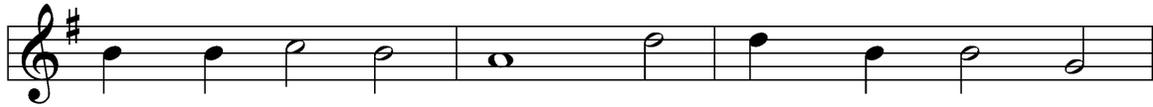
**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.



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.

- 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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### Sermon

#### (Stand) Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** O Lord, our God, whose voice was heard at Sinai and whose authority was made manifest in Christ, the Prophet greater than Moses. Send faithful preachers into Your harvest who will be diligent to listen to Your Word and speak it faithfully in Your name. Preserve us from false prophets who would lead us away from Your truth, and give us ears to hear gladly the saving words of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Heavenly Father, guard our families and homes, and build them up in love. Support parents in their task of instructing their children, strengthen those whose faith is weak, and make us bold to forego convenience and security to attest the truths of our most holy faith with heart and action. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Almighty God, give health and success to our president and governor, our legislators and judges, and all who serve for our governance and protection. Make them high in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**P** Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son cast out unclean spirits and taught with authority. He is the Great Physician of body and soul. Have mercy on those who are sick, distressed, in danger or facing any need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Sustain them with patience, trusting in Your merciful care, and graciously relieve them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Dear Lord, look with favor on all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and renewal of life, and so receive a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

**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** **Amen.**



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 *Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,  
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.*
- 6 *Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.*

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

(Stand) Preface

**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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus 

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
 Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
 Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*

**C** 1 *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.*

2 *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

(Sit) Distribution Hymn

*O God Of God, O Light Of Light*

LSB 810



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and  
2 For deep in proph-ets' sa-cred page, And grand in po-ets'  
3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in  
4 Then raise to Christ a might-y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav-en's glo-ry bright The song of  
wing-ed word, Slow-ly in type, from age to age The na-tions  
hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a-bove He reigns, our  
mer-cies tell! Sing, heav'n-ly host, your praise pro-long, And all on



praise for-ev-er rings. To Him who sits up-on the throne,  
saw their com-ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju-de-an night  
King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates!  
earth, your an-them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin-ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a-gain, Be all the glo-ry  
Rang out the song, "Good-will to men!" Sung once by first-born  
So sang that host be-yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your  
For-ev-er let the song as-cend! Wor-thy the Lamb, en-



He has won, All thanks and praise! A-men, a-men.  
sons of light, It ech-oes now, "Good-will!" A-men.  
King a-waits. We lift them up. A-men, a-men.  
throned to reign, All glo-ry, pow'r! A-men, a-men.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Special Prayers

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi	Debra Guebert	Ann Vallett	Ali Gerlach
Alice Knop	Sam Huffman	Victor Brelje	Don Ritter
	Denise Young	Jamie Fletcher	
Patricia Ford (Larry Grab sister)		Genna Biermann (Connie Kirkland's sister-in-law)	
Arnold Mueller (father of Alice Wydeck)		Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)	

### Care Center Residents

Delores Doss	Mary Lou Goetting	Norma Wolters	Eileen Clements
Wayne Mueller	Leonard & Darlene Dierks	Delbert & Carolyn Koen	

### Military Personnel & Their Families

*Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.*

Justin Asbury	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus	Tim Eichenseer
Bill Ingles	Justin Parker	Andrew Grab	Cory Jeffers
Richard Thompson	Denny Ernsting	Kevin Kahre	John Magelitz
Zach Mogavero	Rodney Anderson	Chasten Lindenberg	Braden Eichenseer
Karley Kothe	Dylan McCoy	Drew Gerlach	

### Mission Prayer

*Give thanks as you pray:* That the Lord would open up the hearts and minds of people around the world, so that His grace-filled message can be spread far and wide.

### Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 1/31 .....	Zechariah 10:1–11:3; 2 Timothy 3:1-17
Monday, 2/1 .....	Zechariah 11:4-17; 2 Timothy 4:1-18
Tuesday, 2/2 .....	Zechariah 12:1–13:9; Titus 1:1–2:6
Wednesday, 2/3 .....	Zechariah 14:1-21; Titus 2:7–3:15
Thursday, 2/4 .....	Job 1:1-22; John 1:1-18
Friday, 2/5 .....	Job 2:1–3:10; John 1:19-34
Saturday, 2/6 .....	Job 3:11-26; John 1:35-51

### Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—February 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

\*\*A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. \*\*

**Public School Confirmation Class—Tuesday, February 9 @ 7:00 p.m.**

### GriefShare Support Group

Pastor Mark is looking for those interested in attending a GriefShare Support Group. The group will begin meeting at a time to be determined after the New Year. If you are interested, call the church office at 965-3192.

## Home Visits

Many of our members are choosing to stay home during this pandemic but Pastor can bring communion to you. To schedule a visit, call the church office (965-3192).

## Scrip Orders

The Youth Group is taking orders for Scrip Gift Cards again on February 6 & 7 at each church service. The deadline for turning in orders is February 8<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can be found at each door in the sanctuary or you can print one online by going to the church's website at [www.stmarksteeleville.com](http://www.stmarksteeleville.com).

## 2020 Giving Statements are available in the Narthex.

### Wish List

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **New Camera System**—The estimated total cost is \$12,000 but there are more projects that will be looked at in the future to be able to share the best quality video with our members as we are able. We are beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of installing the new camera system and updating the audio system.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

### It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2021, to direct any remaining 2020 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support St. Mark's Lutheran Church or School. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**St. Mark's will have 11:15 am early dismissal on Friday, February 5, 2021.** There will be before school latchkey but no bus service at all on that day.

**There is excitement in the air as St. Mark's Panthers** have received news from the SIJHSAA Board of Directors that sports practices have now been allowed. Coaches Matt Kraus, Colin Smith, and Josh Diercks held the first practice this past Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>! There is only eight games on the schedule not including the SIJHSAA Regionals but at least there is some. The downfall to all this is NO SPECTATORS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE GAMES NO MATTER WHAT SPORT IT IS!

**St. Mark's 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls interested in playing volleyball** will be in a coop with Steeleville Public. Their first practice was also held Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The young ladies participating are 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Sadie Conway, Hazel Helmers, and Ellie Schmierbach; 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Miranda Rodewald, Elly Buch, and Vanessa Clover.

### St. Mark's Sports *(No Spectators Allowed)*

Feb. 8 – B BB @ Evansville	Away	6:00 pm
Feb 10 – B BB @ St. John Lutheran, Chester	Away	6:00 pm

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## CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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**COS Blood Drive:** Save the date and save a life. *Christ Our Savior* is hosting the Evansville community blood drive on February 9 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Make your appointment today! Use the Red Cross app or go online to <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>

**Registration for 2021-2022 is now open!** If you have a student or know someone who will be high school age during the 2021-2022 school year, encourage them to consider Christ Our Savior Lutheran High school. Call 853-7300 to schedule a shadow day or a private tour. Learn more and download a registration form from our website, [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org). Early registration ends March 31. Don't miss out!

**Scholarships Available:** The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit our website: [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org).

**School Visitors:** Please follow state COVID guidelines when visiting school.

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