2025 *"Lift Up Your Eyes"* 



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Outdoor worshipers, tune your car radio to 106.1 FM to hear and join in today's Worship service

Looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1,2

## Call Statement:

"My call is to share my Faith in Christ"

## Mission Statement:

"To live my Faith in Christ I will build loving relationships so others will become disciples with Jesus as Lord and Savior."

## THE WELCOME AND PRAYER

## **THE BRIEF ORDER: CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Leader: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## All: Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## All: Amen.

- Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness....Most merciful God,
- All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.
- Pastor: 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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- All: Amen.

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you (Share the Peace of the LORD with each other)

#### <u>HYMN</u>

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## Rock of Ages Cleft for Me Verse 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

## Verse 2

Not the labor of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save and Thou alone.

Verse 3 Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Verse 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

- Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray: O, Lord,

All: You have given us Your Word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that Word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. St. Jerome translator into Latin the Bible known as the Vulgate

## **LESSONS**

Jeremiah 1:1-10 Psalm 71:1-18

## <u>GOSPEL</u>

Luke 4:31-44

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

## Began with Teaching of the Word

## SONG

Just as I Am Verse 1 Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy Blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me Come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Verse 2

Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee, Whose Blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

#### Verse 3

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

#### Verse 4

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Verse 5

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy Promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

#### Verse 6

Just as I am; Thy Love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be united as the Church in heart and mind as we go to our heavenly Father in prayer..

Pastor: (After each petition. . .) Lord, in your mercy;

## All: hear our prayer.

Pastor: ... Accept, O Lord, the prayers of Your faithful people for the well being of Your holy Church throughout the world. Govern and sanctify it, with all its pastors and ministers, by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be kept by Your Word in true Faith and fervent love toward You and one another.

## All: Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

- All: 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 SENDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Heavenly Father,

All: Open my eyes, open my heart, so I see and have compassion on broken and lost people around me. Move me to bring Hope into their lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give me courage. Give me patience. Guide my words. Through me I pray they experience Jesus' redeeming Love. I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

- Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
- All: Amen.

## Praise Him, Praise Him (Joyful Song)

Verse 1 Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim, Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory, Strength and honor Give to His holy name. Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children, In His arms He carries them All day long.

> Chorus Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness, Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song.

#### Verse 2

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! For our sins He suffered And bled and died. He, our Rock, Our hope of eternal salvation, Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified. Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows, Love unbounded, Wonderful, deep and strong.

## Verse 3

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer. Heavenly portals. Loud with hosannas ring. Jesus, Savior, Reigneth forever and ever, Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King. Christ is coming Over the world victorious; Power and glory Unto the Lord belong.

## THE DISMISSAL

Go and be a witness for the Lord! Pastor: All: Thanks be to God!

**NEXT SUNDAY February 9, 2025** Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany **Readings for Next Sunday** Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20 Luke 5:1-11 FAITH IN CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 1603 Moorefield Road, Springfield, Ohio 45503 Phone - (937) 399-4134 Fax - (937) 342-4766 e-mail address - ficlc@sbcglobal.net (Church Office) e-mail address - ficpr@sbcglobal.net (Pastor) Website: www.ficlc.net Attend: 27 January 26, 2025 Offering \$ 795.00 Join us for Fellowship Hour following າຕາກ worship today



# Confirmation [] Class

**Confirmation Class 9:00 am Sunday Mornings** Confirmation class meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. Please See Dave and Holly Hare for more info.

## **Tuesday Bible Study**

Join us at 10:30 am Tuesday Mornings for Bible Study. We are in Mark Chapter 14 Newcomers are always welcome to join in learning more from the Word of God.



Annual Congregational Meeting will be following worship TODAY Sunday February 2, 2025.