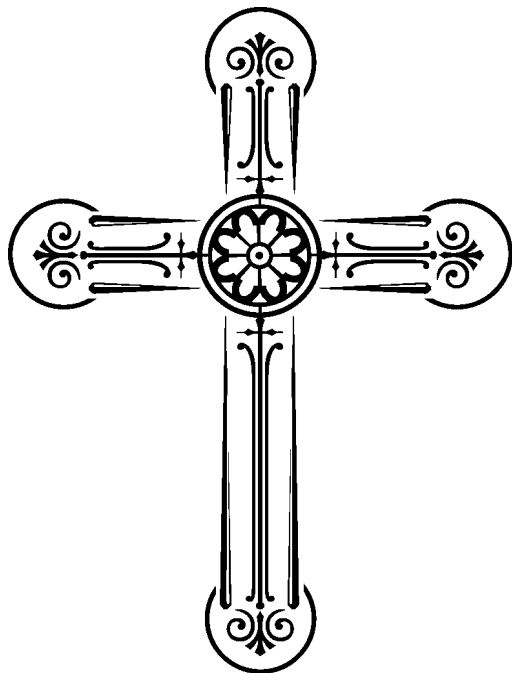


2023

“Gloria In Excelsis Deo”



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**

*Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of His holiness.
Psalm 29:1, 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.”*

WELCOME AND PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND 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 for the LORD with each other)

SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-chorus

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

Chorus

"Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be."
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.

BRIDGE

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be Your name."

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: Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**All: Grant us Your grace that we eagerly and thoroughly
study the Holy Scriptures and seek and find Christ in
them, and through them have eternal life. Help us in
this, dearest God, in Your grace. Amen. *Martin Luther***

LESSONS

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18 - 31

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1 - 12

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Jeffrey J. Lee

The Foolishness that Saves!

HYMN

The Old Rugged Cross

Verse 1

On a hill far away Stood an old rugged cross;
The emblem of suff'ring and shame.
And I love that old cross Where the dearest and best,
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Verse 2

Oh, that old rugged cross, So despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God, Left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Verse 3

In that old rugged cross, Stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross, Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
It's shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

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.

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 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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.

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 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 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION INSIDE

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
and preserve you by His grace unto life everlasting.

All: Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: We give You thanks, that You have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in Your mercy You would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

SONG ***There Is Power In The Blood***

Verse 1

Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, pow'r in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood

Chorus

There is pow'r, pow'r wonder working pow'r
In the blood of the Lamb.
There is pow'r, pow'r wonder working pow'r
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Verse 2

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
Come for a cleansing To Calvary's tide.
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Verse 3

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
Sin stains are lost In its life giving flow.
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

Verse 4

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood.
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

SENDING

Pastor: Go and Be a Witness for the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION OUTSIDE

NEXT SUNDAY February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 58:3-9a Psalm 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

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