

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Feb. 1st Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - Blessed Be Your Name

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

Invocation

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

C Amen.

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.

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.

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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 1:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

The wicked are not so,
 but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
 nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked will perish

Kyrie

- P** LORD, have mercy upon us.
C Christ, have mercy upon us.
 LORD, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The LORD be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Micah 6: 1 - 8

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 15; antiphon: Psalm 16: 1

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O LORD.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Days of Elijah

Sermon

"Foolishness"

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

MEMORY VERSE:

1 Corinthians 1:25

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

Stand

Nicene Creed *LSB 173*

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary**

and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius
 Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to
 the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both
 the living and
 the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the LORD and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is
 worshiped and
 glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
 Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
 sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

*The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD,
 saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the
 unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

Pax Domini

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering and Offertory



C 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.

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 A - men.

Sit

Announcements

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the
Closing Song with percussion instruments*

Stand

Closing Hymn - To You O Lord