

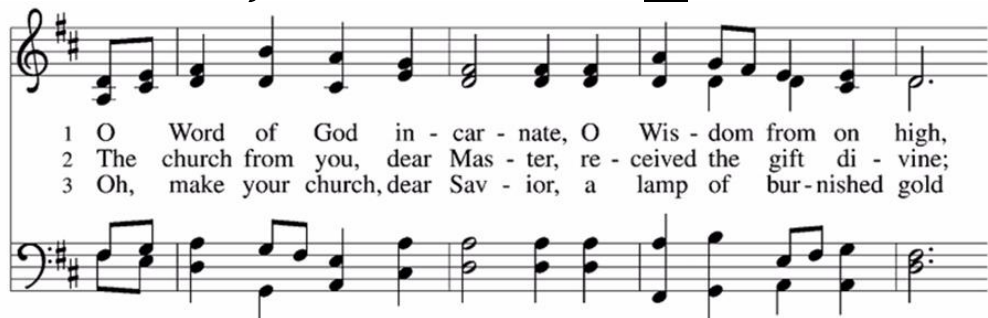
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 2, 2025

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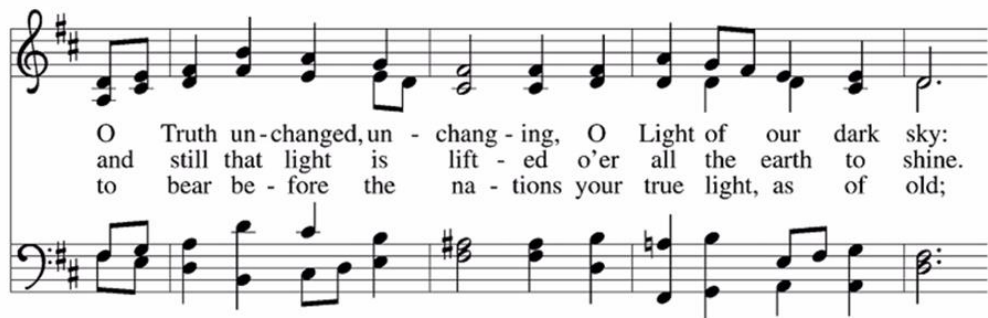
# Prelude

## Entrance Hymn

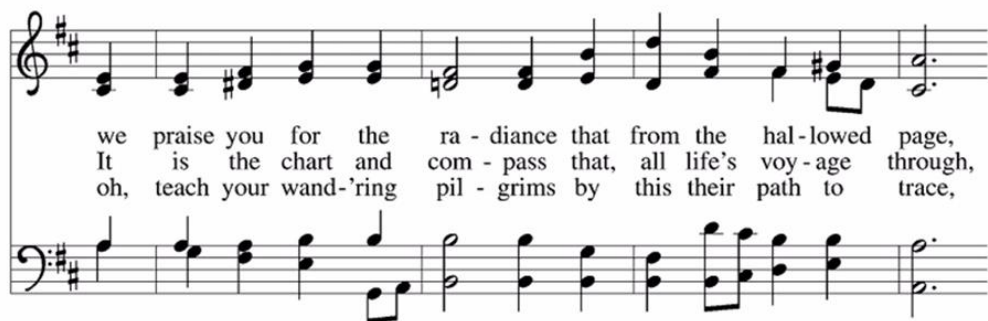
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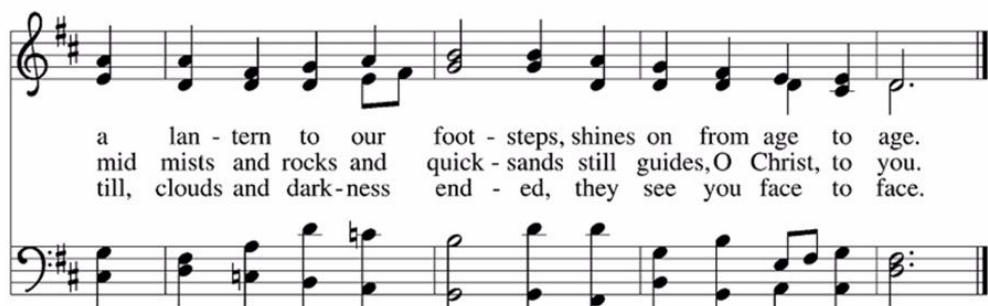
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,  
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

## Greeting

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

**C: Amen.**

*A: Arise, shine for our light has come.*

**C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!**

*A: And the Glory of the Lord is upon us.*

**C: Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the World!**

*A: Where merciful kindness and love are,*

**C: God is there.**

*A: Christ's love has gathered us into one.*

**C: Let us rejoice and be pleased in Christ.**

*A: May we fear and love the living God.*

**C: And may we love each other with a delighted heart. Amen.**

*(Anonymous 10th cent. French Chant, "Ubi Caritas")*

## Hymn of Praise

**308** (vs. 1 & 5)

I O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!

## Prayer of the Day

*P: The Lord be with you*

**C: And also with you**

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## First Lesson

**1 Kings 17**

**T**hen the word of the Lord came to *Elijah* saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you."

So, Elijah set out and went to Zarephath.

When Elijah came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks.

Elijah called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a cup so that I may drink."

As she was going to bring it, he called to her again and said, "Bring me a small piece of bread in your hand."

But the widow said, "As the Lord your God lives! I have nothing baked! I only have a handful of flour left in a jar, and only a little oil left in a jug. I was just now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare the flour and oil for myself and my son, so that we may eat our last meal, and then die."

Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid. Go and do as you have said but first make me a little cake of the flour and oil and bring it to me. Then, afterwards, make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the

Lord the God of Israel – ‘The jar of meal will not be emptied, and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.’” She went and did as Elijah said, and she, as well as Elijah and her whole household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not emptied and neither did the jug of oil go empty – just as the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah said it would happen.

After this, the son of the woman who was the head of the house became ill! His illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. The woman who was the head of the house, the boy’s mother, then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But Elijah said to her, "Give me your son."

Elijah took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper room of the house where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.

Elijah then cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying by killing her son?!"

Then Elijah stretched himself over the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again."

The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah brought the child down from the upper room, into the house, and gave him to his mother.

Then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive."

So, the mother said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God*

## **Psalm**

**19**

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.*

**Day to the day pours forth speech,  
and night to the night declares knowledge.**

*There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.*

**In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong runner, runs its course with joy.**

*Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.*

**The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;**

*The decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;*

**The precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;**

*The commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;*

**The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;**

*The ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.*

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;**

*Sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.*

**Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.**

*But who can detect their errors?  
Clear me from hidden faults!*

**Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.**

*Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great transgression.*

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,**

**O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

## **Second Lesson**

**2 Kings 5**

**N**aaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him, the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered

from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. This servant girl said to Naaman's wife, "If only my master was with the prophet who is in Samaria! That prophet could cure him of his leprosy." So, when Naaman heard this, he went and told the King of Aram just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

And the king of Aram said, "Well, go then! I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

Naaman went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He also brought the letter to the king of Israel which read - "When this letter reaches you, know that I, King of Aram, have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

When the King of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God that I can give death or life? Why, then, does this man send word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Look! See how the King of Aram is trying to pick a quarrel with me, the King of Israel"

But when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the King of Israel had torn his clothes, Elisha sent a message to the King of Israel, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let Naaman come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So, Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you will be clean from your leprosy."

But, Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me, the prophet would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the leprous spot, and cure me! Are not the Abana and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?"

Naaman turned and went away in a rage.

But Naaman's servants approached him and said to him, "Just suppose the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more should you do what he says when all he said was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

So, Naaman went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan River - according to the word of the man of God - and Naaman's flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and Naaman was clean.

Then Naaman returned to the man of God, he and all his company.

Naaman came and stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there

is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Please, accept a present from your servant."

But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" Naaman urged Elijah to accept the present, but Elijah refused.

Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant. For, your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord. But may the Lord pardon your servant on one count - when my master goes into the house of the god Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I do bow down in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon your servant on this one count."

Elijah said to him, "Go in peace."

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God*

### Verse

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.

### Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel

**Luke 4**

**A**nd in the power of the Spirit Jesus returned to Galilee and a report about him spread through all the surrounding countryside. Jesus taught in their synagogues, where everyone applauded him.

And Jesus came to his hometown of Nazareth, the place where he had been nurtured in the faith, and he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as he always did. He stood up to read a lesson from the Holy Scriptures and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him, which he unrolled until he found the place where it was written:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,*

*because Yahweh has anointed me,*

*Yahweh has sent me to preach a word of hope to those who have been given no reason to hope:*

*to proclaim release for those who are now captives;*



*and to give sight to those who are now blind;  
to send those who are now oppressed out in liberation  
to proclaim an acceptable year of the Lord." [Isaiah 61]*

And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him.

Then Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture is being fulfilled in your ears."

Everyone witnessed about him and were amazed at the words of grace coming out of his mouth.

They said, "This is Joseph's son, indeed!"

Jesus said to them, "No doubt you will quote to me this proverb,  
*"Charity begins at home"*

And you will say,

*"What we heard that you did in Capernaum, do here now  
in your hometown!"*

But then Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is acceptable in the prophet's hometown. But, the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of the prophet Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was no rain, and there was a severe famine over all the land of God's people. Yet, Elijah, the great prophet of God, was sent to none of them except to a widow in the foreign land of Zarephath, in faraway Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except the foreigner from Aram, Naaman, the Syrian."

And hearing this, the whole synagogue was filled with rage. They got up, threw Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But Jesus, having gone through the midst of them, went on his way.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**843**

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

# Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Retirement & Installation of Council Members The Prayers of the Church Passing of the Peace

### Offertory

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

## Offertory Prayer

*A: Let us pray:*

**C: Accept, O Lord, these gifts that we bring in gratitude this day; offerings from the abundant blessings we have received. May they be pleasing in your sight, that you will continue to look kindly on us and our needs, and that they may serve the need of manifesting your Kingdom in this age. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

S 144a



**P: It is indeed right and responsible . . .**



# The Lord's Prayer

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

## Distribution Hymns

239, 507

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing,  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

## Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

### Benediction

### Recessional

1. A year of God's fa - vor Christ prom - ised, and more:  
2. This word is ful - filled in be - liev - ers to - day,  
3. Ful - filled in our liv - ing be God's word to - day,

Good news to the pris - 'ner, the weak and the poor,  
In wom - en and men who would fol - low Christ's way.  
Ful - filled in our lov - ing, our work and our play,

Re - cov - 'ry of sense to the deaf and the blind,  
Re - spond, then, with glad - ness, in all that you do:  
Ful - filled now in jus - tice, in mer - cy and peace,

Full heal - ing for spir - it, for bod - y and mind.  
A life - time of fa - vor is of - fered to you!  
In joy - ful thanks - giv - ing and praise with - out cease.

**Dismissal**

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### **Sunday, February 2nd**

*Name Tag Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School &  
Confirmation Classes

11:00 a.m. Worship

### **Tuesday, February 4th**

6:30 a.m. Bible Study & Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

### **Wednesday, February 5th**

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

### **Saturday February 8th**

9:00 a.m. Grace Bakers

### **Sunday, February 9th**

*Last day to donate to Super Cereal Bowl of Caring*

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes

11:00 a.m. Worship

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We are saddened to announce the passing of long-time Grace Lutheran member, Gerda Fodi. Services will be held on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cargain Funeral Home in Mahopac. Visitation hours will be from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., followed by the funeral service at 12:00 p.m.

## **Grace Lutheran Church**

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