



3rd Sunday of Epiphany
February 1, 2025 — 8:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A. And also with you.

Invocation

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

A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of Stephen and the other deacons. Help us to look past the distractions around us and focus on Your Word. When we have conflict, let us approach it with grace and look to You for guidance in finding a solution. Amen.

Hymn: ***Alleluia! Sing To Jesus***

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
His the scepter his the throne
Alleluia! His the triumph
His the victory alone
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now

Alleluia! He is near us
Faith believes, nor questions how
Through the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget his promise
I am with you evermore

Alleluia! Bread of heaven
Here on earth our food, our stay
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day
Intercessor, friend of sinners
Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: 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.

A: Amen.

L: 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,

**A: 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.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives
you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

A: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A: Amen.

This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Exodus 18:17-23

"Moses' father-in-law replies, 'What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you, if you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.'"

Acts 6:1-6

"In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.' This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them."

John 4:21-24

"'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'"

Scripture Closing

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Apostle’s Creed

ALL: 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.

Hymn: ***Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service***

Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken
Worked Your mercy’s perfect deed
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev’ry gift which You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless
Still the hungry cry for bread
Still the captives long for freedom
Still in grief we mourn our dead
As You, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul
By Your Spirit send Your power
To our world to make it whole

As we worship, grant us vision
Till Your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to ardent service
Your abundant life to share

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Words Of Institution

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.

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.

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: ***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

A mighty fortress is our God

A sword and shield victorious

He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod

And wins salvation glorious

The old satanic foe

Has sworn to work us woe
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight
On earth he has no equal

No strength of ours can match his might
We would be lost, rejected
But now a champion comes to fight
Whom God himself elected
You ask who this may be
The Lord of hosts is he
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord
God's only Son, adored
He holds the field victorious
Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us

We tremble not, unmoved we stand
They cannot overpow'r us
Let this world's tyrant rage
In battle we'll engage
His might is doomed to fail
God's judgement must prevail
One little word subdues him

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Acts 6:3-4

Sermon Notes

The Church Calibrating

- ⇒ How should a church handle new hurdles?
- ⇒ Why do we prioritize skills and personality over character and Christ-likeness as Christians?
- ⇒ What is keeping you from being missions minded?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman